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We'll take it!

**On the Web****IT'S A MUGGY DAY**

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Recession, yes. Depression? No way

Hearing some of the dire predictions for an economy struggling to avert a financial collapse, it's easy to recall 1930s photos of people huddled in soup lines or traveling the country for work, and wonder what a depression would look like in the modern world.

Experts say that won't happen. Yes, banks are failing and the stock market plunged a record 777.68 points Monday after the House of Representatives rejected the Bush Administration's \$700 billion Wall Street bailout package. And yes, there is genuine concern that, regardless of the rescue plan's fate, the U.S. may be headed into a harmful recession or long-term period of economic stagnation.

But despite the alarms, including President Bush's dire warnings, economists insist there is practically no risk of a second Great Depression because, for some time now, the U.S. economy has been in the midst of a very different phenomenon: the Great Moderation.

Coined by a Harvard economist earlier this decade, the term refers to a U.S. economy shaped by more flexibility and far less-volatile swings in growth. That flexibility, fueled by everything from financial deregulation and global trade to the shift toward a service economy, will keep the nation from sinking into a depression. **TRIBUNE**



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>> "Glad my money is in a low-yield savings account. I have no retirement plan, but now, neither does anyone else."

>> "Has made the cost of raising a young family that much more difficult. Makes me very sad for my daughters futures."

>> "Seems that my job is very secure but I've definitely been forced to stop most of my spending for a while. I still spend tho."

>> "HURRAY!!! Stock Market Is CLOSED for Today! Hemorrhaging has ceased for a few hours maybe...it's gonna be HELL tomorrow."



Passersby watch as the stock numbers are posted Monday at the close of the market on the Nasdaq building in New York's Times Square. Stocks took a nosedive after the House of Representatives rejected the \$700 billion rescue package. **GETTY IMAGES**

Is your cash safe?

FDIC insurance will protect your funds, but banks will likely hike fees

Associated Press

NEW YORK The markets' meltdown and collapse of financial giants have prompted widespread jitters about the safety of bank funds.

"Your money is safe in your local bank," said Paul Merski, chief economist for the Independent Community Bankers of America. "The real trouble has been in the investment community."

The sale of Wachovia's deposits and other assets to Citigroup on Monday leaves the nation with three superbanks, reshaping the U.S. banking landscape in the midst of unprecedented financial upheaval.

For customers of those institutions—Bank of America, Citigroup and JPMorgan Chase—the consolidation may result in higher fees on everything from checking accounts to bounced checks and overdrafts, and lower interest-rate yields on deposit accounts, banking experts said.

Consumers can take solace, however, in FDIC insurance that safeguards up to \$100,000 per account and covers IRA accounts up to \$250,000.

Loan availability also remains in question

in the near term, particularly after congressional defeat of the government's proposed financial bailout plan.

"The larger the bank is, theoretically the more power they have to set pricing and other policies," said Nancy Atkinson, senior analyst at Aite Group, a financial services research firm. "I expect we'll start to see free checking accounts start to disappear, and rates on overdrafts could go up. Savings rates could drop."

But the news isn't all bad. Atkinson and others are convinced that the approximately 8,500 remaining regional and community banks nationwide will continue to play a role, providing consumers with more options.

"If you are a customer of the Big Three, you're probably going to see some increased fees because these banks have increased their market shares—dramatically in some instances," said Tim Yeager, associate professor of finance at the University of Arkansas and a former economist at the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis. "From the community bank point of view, I don't think you're going to see much change."

WHAT YOU SHOULD DO

Deciding on a bank is becoming more complex every day. Here are some tips if you are in the market. **WASHINGTON POST**

>> Foremost, your deposits should be FDIC-insured. Use Bank Find at www.fdic.gov to discover whether a bank is covered by the FDIC.

>> Next, decide on whether you want a national, regional or community bank or an Internet-only bank. Each comes with trade-offs. A national bank may provide extensive ATM access but may lack personal service. A community bank can provide personal service but may be limited in its online capabilities. An Internet-only bank may offer attractive interest rates but have higher ATM fees.

>> Finally, when possible, meet the bank manager at the branch where most of your banking will take place. Determine the services you will use most often. Understand the fees associated with each service and work with the manager to establish the accounts most appropriate to your needs.

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CTA store launches

Get out your wallets, public transit peeps.

On Monday, the CTA opened the doors to its new online store, ctagifts.com, and it's a step up from the transit agency's previous portal for pushing mass transit merchandise.

Luckily, this more dazzling destination came at no cost to the agency, according to CTA spokeswoman Katelyn Thrall, who said the agency partnered with New York-based Image Express, which will oversee the online store and pay the agency royalties based on a percentage of sales.

The CTA, in turn, is hyping the site hard.

A prominent headline on transitchicago.com promises "Exciting New Gifts for You!"

We'll be the judge of that. Here's what "Going Public" dug, disliked or wanted to see totally dismissed after peeking at the public transit inventory.

DIGGING

Messenger bag

» This canvas bag inspires transit time travel, as it features a logo—"Metropolitan Transit: CTA"—that the agency used between 1956 to 1970. With its clean lines and cool logo, this is a subtle way to state your allegiance. Just don't use it to block seats.



Customizable mass transit merchandise

» Riders can special order their fave station logos on products from mugs to baby bibs. How cool would it be to sip out of a CTA mug that celebrates your favorite stop?

This customizing capability is a great way for riders to exert their will on the CTA. How often does that happen?

DISLIKING

Bus and rail map puzzle

» It is a big branding blunder to associate the CTA with a puzzle, especially since many riders who write to me are mystified by a number of the agency's issues, including why buses and trains can't seem to arrive in a timely fashion. Unless the answers to such questions are imprinted on the public transit puzzle pieces, a mass transit-themed Monopoly game might make for a better buy.



Cosmetic case

» How can a product associated with

getting pretty be such a hot mess itself? The color-coded CTA stops adorning the sack's surface are way too busy for my transit taste. A clear or black backdrop and a simple CTA logo would make this cosmetic carrier much more appealing.

DISMISSING



CTA tie

» Do I really have to explain why this seriously homely silk tie is in the "dismiss" category? Don't even think about adding this garish thing to your shopping cart. It is, at best, a gag gift and at worst, an insult.

CTA shower curtain

» This shower curtain is a carry-over from the previous CTA store and offers a tacky—but updated—transit map design. On the plus side, it is described as biodegradable, so if you get this gift, you won't feel as bad about lobbing it into the landfill where it belongs.



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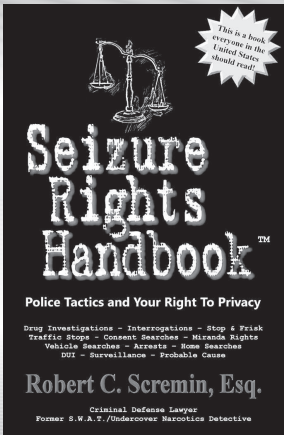
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Jerry Town

Sultan of Smut enters 18th season on TV

By **Alexia Elejalde-Ruiz**
REDEYE

Jerry Springer slides down a pole amid a puff of smoke and the blare of Guns N' Roses' "Welcome to the Jungle." Once the chants of "Jer-ry! Jer-ry!" die down, Springer introduces a transsexual named Brea who has come on the show to confront a man she had sex with.

Before long, the man is onstage, Brea has kicked off her high heels, and the two are ferociously shoving and clawing each other.

Out comes the man's girlfriend, who fells her unfaithful lover with a single smack to the jaw. Audience members jump to their feet, pumping their fists and cheering wildly. By the time Springer's security guards—three off-duty Chicago cops—pull the guests apart, Brea's shirt is torn, her bra is exposed and her wig lies on the floor.

This is the Jerry Springer much of America knows: Sultan of Smut, Titan of Trash, Lord of the Lowbrow.

But in recent years, a more respectable Springer has sprung into the mainstream, thanks to his charming turn on "Dancing with the Stars" and as host of "America's Got Talent," the summer's No. 1 prime-time show, which has its season finale Wednesday.

With "The Jerry Springer Show" losing viewers steadily over the past decade—from a peak of 8 million viewers in 1998 to 1.7 mil-



lion last year, according to Nielsen Media Research—producers of the show are hoping to capitalize on Springer's newfound popularity.

As the show entered its 18th season this month, producers decided to nix some of the crazier acts that had morphed it into a freak show (the man with no legs, the transvestite

puppets), and put Springer back in the spotlight.

"We want to get back to our roots, get back to basics, focus on Jerry," said Rachelle Consiglio, who this month became executive producer of "The Jerry Springer Show" after serving as producer for 13 years.

"He's very funny, and people are seeing how

likeable he is."

Onstage, Springer masterfully plays to the show's boorishness.

"I love you," Springer purred to a female audience member during his introductory routine during a show taping Thursday, repeating a gag he's used for years. "He's a lot better-looking," Springer said, motioning to a

SPRINGER THROUGH THE YEARS

RedEye takes you through the highs and lows of Jerry Springer's professional life.

1968:

Springer gets his law degree from Northwestern University.

1971:

Springer is elected to the Cincinnati City Council.

1974:

Springer resigns from the City Council after a raid on a massage parlor in Kentucky reveals that Springer had written a check for "services rendered" to a prostitute there.

1975:

Springer is elected to the Cincinnati City Council again.

1977:

Springer is elected mayor of Cincinnati.

1982:

Springer runs for governor of Ohio, but loses in the Democratic primary.

Springer joins WLWT-TV in Cincinnati as a nightly news commentator, and he becomes an anchor and managing editor. While there, he wins 10 Emmy awards.

1991:

Springer is asked to start a daytime talk show in Cincinnati in anticipation of Phil Donahue's retirement. "The Jerry Springer Show" is born as a serious, issue-driven talk show.

1992:

The "Jerry Springer Show" moves to the NBC Tower in Chicago. With all the other talk shows "trying to be like 'Oprah,'" Springer said, producers target a younger audience.

1995:

Springer releases his country album, "Dr. Talk," which consists of Springer singing mostly country covers.

1997:

NBC-Ch. 5 in Chicago announces that Springer will join its nightly newscast. Anchors Carol Marin and Ron Magers resign in protest and viewers flood NBC with objections. Springer makes one appearance on the show, then resigns.

Jerry Springer speaks with RedEye reporter Alexia Elejalde-Ruiz after the taping of one of his episodes. CHASE AGNELLO-DEAN/REDEYE



man seated next to the woman, "but I'm rich as [bleep]. You go with what you got, and I've got a biiiig wallet."

Backstage, Springer behaves more like the 64-year-old grandfather and politics geek that he is. The former mayor of Cincinnati and Emmy award-winning news commentator freely admits his show is, to use his own word, "stupid."

"I never said people should watch it; that's



Jerry Springer addresses his live studio audience. CHASE AGNELLO-DEAN/REDEYE

their business. I know it's not something I'd watch," Springer told RedEye as he sat in his office in the NBC Tower, feet perched on his cherry wood desk.

Hosting the show is just a job, Springer said, and his main interests remain political. Asked to name the proudest moment of his career, Springer doesn't mention beating Oprah Winfrey's ratings for many consecutive weeks in the 1998-99 season. Rather, he's most proud of being mayor—"If I could have been mayor forever, I would have done that," he said—and starting an organization to bring medicine to Ethiopia during the '80s famine.

Just how Springer ended up on TV baffles him. Born in a London subway tunnel during the Blitz shortly after his parents fled Nazi Germany, Springer had humble, if extraordinary, beginnings.

Springer says he has "no talent," and he attributes his show business success to "pure luck."

So what's kept him at the helm of such a silly show for some 3,460 episodes and counting?

First, Springer said, he really likes the guests, who he says are "all really nice young

kids," if a bit misguided.

And as bawdy as the show may be, hosting it is "like playing chess every day," Springer said. As a rule, Springer knows nothing about his guests before the taping, so "to go onstage, and to hear their stories and try to be humorous, and try to guide it along—that's exciting," he said. "It's like getting a puzzle every day. I find it really keeps your mind going."

It can be jarring to watch Springer go from chatting thoughtfully about the financial crisis to presiding over a show that rewards women in the audience with "Jerry beads" when they flash their breasts. But Springer compares it to Mardi Gras fun.

"It's like, if you go to Mardi Gras, you're not thinking of the intellectual or philosophical consequences of dressing up and being in a parade," he said.

The controversial show has managed to stay on the air for 17 years precisely because "we're the only one that's really nuts," Springer said. Other talk shows "try to say they're helping these people's lives," Springer said. "Nonsense. This is television. If you've got a problem, you go to see a doctor, you go to a counselor. Television is entertainment."

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Little-known Springer facts

As the host of a show modeled after a college frat party, Jerry Springer is popular on the spring break circuit. But Springer isn't a drinker.

"Everyone wants to buy Jerry shots," said Todd Schultz, Springer's stage manager and sidekick for 15 years. "He'll [accept] the shots and he'll say, 'Thank you very much,' and then when no one's looking he'll hand it back to us, and we drink it."

Here are some other bits of Springer trivia.

Springer's real weakness: cheeseburgers. "Wherever we go, he always gets a cheeseburger," Schultz said.

Home: Sarasota, Fla., where he lives with his wife. When in Chicago, he stays in an apartment he rents in the Hancock building.

Car: "My real car, the one I love, is a Bentley," Springer said.

Favorite Chicago restaurants: "I'm such a loser, that I eat wherever I can walk to," Springer said. He frequents Cheesecake Factory, The Grill on the Alley, Gibsons and Tavern on Rush, which are all just a few blocks from his home.

Favorite TV shows: "I only watch sports and cable news," Springer said. "I'm constantly flipping between MSNBC, Fox and CNN. It's amazing to watch the same story on those three."

Last books read: Currently finishing "The War Within," by Bob Woodward. Before that, he read "What Happened," by Scott McClellan.

Sox or Cubs: Neither. "There is no World Series this year because the Yankees didn't make the playoffs," Springer said.

A.E.R.

1998:

"The Jerry Springer Show" becomes the No. 1 daytime TV show.

The show's producer, Studios USA, vows no more fighting on the show. Viewership drops 14 percent. When the show later brings back the fights, viewership pops up 15 percent.

1999:

Ald. Ed Burke (14th) summons Springer to City Hall for a hearing to determine whether the fights on his show are real. If they are, Burke said, Chicago police should arrest the brawling guests for violating the city's domestic violence statute. Nothing came of the hearing.

2002:

TV Guide names "The Jerry Springer Show" the worst show of all time. Among the top 10, "Springer" was the only show that was still on TV.

2003:

"Jerry Springer—The Opera," a musical parody of Springer's show, officially premieres at the Royal National Theater in London. It's a smash hit, has a commercial run at the West End, and wins the award for Best Musical at London's Evening Standard Theatre Awards, the equivalent of the Tony Awards.

Springer files papers to run for the U.S. Senate from Ohio. A month later, Springer pulls the plug on his Senate run, blaming baggage from his show.

2006:

Springer competes on "Dancing with the Stars" so he can learn to waltz properly at his daughter's wedding, and he makes it to the top five.

2007:

"Jerry Springer—The Opera," makes its U.S. debut at Chicago's Bailiwick Repertory Theatre. It wins the Jeff Award for best non-Equity musical of the year.

Springer replaces Regis Philbin as host of "America's Got Talent."

2008:

Northwestern University Law School invites Springer to be the commencement speaker, drawing objections from many students. But when Springer does speak the next month, his speech is well received.

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Short break at the bar

That seventh-inning last call may extend beyond the ivy

Chicago Tribune

Some Wrigleyville bar owners have signed onto a city plan to cut off alcohol sales after the seventh inning of home games in which the Cubs could win a playoff series, city officials said Monday.

The idea is for bars to voluntarily cut off alcohol sales after the seventh inning—as the ballparks do—and the bars would resume sales at game's end. In a compromise, the city agreed to allow owners to resume alcohol sales if such a "clinch" game goes to extra innings, said Ald. Thomas Tunney (44), whose 44th Ward includes Wrigley.

Tunney is a Mayor Daley ally but initially expressed concerns about the plan. On Monday, after the meeting, he said, "I'm willing to give it a try."

He acknowledged reticence from bar owners in his ward, but added, "I think they're willing to give it the benefit of the doubt and see if it has an effect."

Billy Lawless, owner of the Irish Oak, 3511 N. Clark St., emerged from a Monday morning meeting with city officials and said of the pact: "I'm not happy with it."

"You say it's voluntarily, but, c'mon, it's a directive from the city," he said.

Maureen Martino, executive director of the Lakeview East Chamber of Commerce, said the mood of bar owners was "solemn," and they worry about retribution for not volunteering.

"Are they going to see all these inspectors come flying in?" Martino said. "Of course, the city is going to say no."



Bar owners and residents leave John Barleycorn on Clark Street on Monday after a meeting with city officials regarding alcohol sales during Cubs playoff games. KUNI TAKAHASHI/TRIBUNE

Office of Emergency Management and Communications chief Raymond Orozco said the city would hold a news conference Tuesday. He declined to take questions from reporters or even confirm Monday's agreement.

Jacquelyn Heard, Daley's spokeswoman, applauded the decision of some businesses to sign on to the city plan. "As the mayor has said repeatedly, it's about public safety in general

and for the people in the neighborhood also. We're very glad to see that the bar owners agree with us."

It was not clear if the deal reached with some Wrigleyville bar owners would be agreed to by their counterparts near U.S. Cellular Field, home of the White Sox.

The Cubs begin a best-of-five series against the L.A. Dodgers on Wednesday.



OVERHEARD ON TWITTER

RedEye asked folks on Twitter to comment about the bar deal, and you didn't disappoint. Here's just a sample. Want to be a part of the conversation? Sign up now at twitter.com/redeyechicago and click follow. It's easy and only costs you two cents.

- » Wouldn't matter. I still avoid Wrigleyville like the plague!
- » Who goes to a bar for reasons other than at least ONE drink? Besides, w/o booze, its not a bar...LOL!
- » If my bar stopped serving alcohol, it wouldn't be a bar anymore. Besides, "my" bar doesn't even have food :p

Peterson: I can't explain polygraph results

Chicago Tribune

Former Bolingbrook police sergeant Drew Peterson said Monday he couldn't explain why a polygraph exam showed he was deceptive in answering questions about the Oct. 28 disappearance of his fourth wife, Stacy.

On an appearance on the CBS' "The Early

Show," Peterson said the lie-detector test showed he was deceptive in answers for three questions: when was the last time he saw his wife, if he knows where she is and if she called to tell him she was leaving.

In a telephone interview with the Tribune, Peterson said he passed all other questions, including whether he physically harmed his

wife or was involved with the physical removal of her.

He also said he passed all questions related to the 2004 death of his third wife, Kathleen Savio.

Peterson, 54, took the polygraph as part of an interview for a book due out Wednesday from Canadian publisher Kunati Books

titled "Drew Peterson Exposed." The book's author, Derek Armstrong, has said that Peterson also lays out the timeline of his whereabouts on the day Stacy, then 23, vanished.

Authorities have named Peterson a suspect in his wife's disappearance. He maintains he is innocent.

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Bicyclist dies of injuries

A bicyclist struck by a hit-and-run driver early Sunday in southwest suburban Burbank died early Monday. Richard Horvath, 53, was riding his bike in the 6300 block of West 87th Street about 3 a.m. Sunday when he was hit. Debris recovered at the scene suggested the vehicle may be a white Dodge Ram pickup truck SRT or SLT, said Burbank Police Capt. Joe Ford.

Two shootings in city

Two people were shot to death Sunday night and Monday morning on the Southwest and Northwest Sides. Shortly before 10 p.m., Cardell Banks, 57, was found shot in his back at the LeClaire Courts public housing complex in the 4300 block of South Lamon Avenue, police said. Several hours later, Frederick Vortes, 24, was found shot in the head in the 2100 block of North Lawndale Avenue, police said.

Visitation case settled

The visitation case involving the children of a missing Plainfield woman ended Monday after both sides settled on an agreement. Lisa Stebic's family took her husband to court last year requesting the right to visit Stebic's two children, ages 11 and 13. The relationship between their father, Craig Stebic, and their mother's family has been strained since police named him a "person of interest" in her disappearance. Stebic has not been charged and maintains that he is innocent.

Students don't qualify

To no great surprise, none of the nearly 1,000 Chicago students who tried to enroll in two North Shore schools as part of a protest this month qualified to attend. Officials at New Trier High School and Sunset Ridge Elementary School said they notified 886 families by mail last week after reviewing the registration materials provided by each child during the protest, which was aimed at highlighting the financial disparities among Illinois schools.



Bruce Elliott poses Monday at the Old Town Ale House in front of his painting of a naked Sarah Palin. KUNITAKAHASHI/TRIBUNE

Palin seen naked in Chicago

Now that we've got your attention.

There's been no shortage of take-offs on Sarah Palin lately, from TV skits to action figures, but Bruce Elliott has gone one step further than most. He's taken off her clothes.

Elliott, whose wife, Tobin Mitchen, owns the Old Town Ale House, painted a nude portrait of the Republican vice presidential nominee and hung it above the bar, where it has become a prime attraction among his display of more than 200 celebrity portraits and other racy art.

Palin became Elliott's muse after he saw her

on TV.

"I've been following her religiously," he said Monday at the North Side bar. "I had never heard of her before, like everyone else. I find her bizarrely fascinating, even though I pretty much despise everything she stands for."

Despite their political differences, Elliott admits to a bit of a crush on the Alaska governor. He began painting her smile and trademark glasses, he said, before filling in the details: a gun, red high heels, polar bear rug, rugged Alaska landscape and a scared moose. His daughter, who

looks a little like Palin and does a great impression of her, served as a model for the governor's body.

Since Elliott, 68, hung the portrait Thursday, it's been a steady draw at the dive bar, which is a popular spot for comedians from Second City to grab beers and play pinball after shows. But after the image hit the Internet on Monday, interest exploded.

"We got a bunch of people in tonight," Elliott said. "They're coming to take pictures with their camera phones. The photo is all over the place."

Man charged in police officer's killing

Prosecutors Monday night charged the man accused of opening fire on four Chicago police officers and killing one of them with first-degree murder, a spokesman said.

Lamar Cooper, 37, also was charged with three counts of armed habitual offender and a single count of cocaine possession in connection with the incident early Sunday that left Officer Nathaniel Taylor Jr. critically injured. Taylor died several hours after being shot.

First-degree murder of a police officer is a capital offense, said John Gorman, a spokesman for

Cook County State's Atty. Richard Devine.

Earlier Monday, Chicago Police Supt. Jody Weis visited Taylor's family at his home on the Southwest Side. Weis and other officials presented the officer's wife, Alcione, with a check for \$50,000 from the Hundred Club of Cook County, police said.

"It's tough to take," said Weis, after leaving the home. "We lost a colleague; we lost an officer. They lost a family member."

Taylor, a 14-year veteran of the department, was the third Chicago police officer killed by

gunfire since June. He was a gang intelligence officer who received 55 department awards during his career, according to police. In addition to his wife, he is survived by a brother, two sisters and a daughter, police said.

Police said Cooper was sitting in a parked Geo Prism outside in the 7900 block of South Clyde Avenue about 5:30 a.m. Sunday when Taylor and three other narcotics officers approached. The officers were about to execute a search warrant on Cooper's home when Cooper, still inside the car, opened fire on them.

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1 Crash investigated

The sole survivor of a weekend medical helicopter crash that killed four people in District Heights, Md., clung to life Monday, while federal air safety investigators combed through wreckage to determine what caused the accident. About 20 investigators were on the scene of the crash. **AP**

2 Killed for beer money?

Police in Florida say a 16-year-old boy slashed a woman to death and used the \$6 he stole from her to buy beer. Alan Michael Tanguay is facing a first-degree murder charge in the death of 58-year-old Patricia Kaliszeski in Palm Bay, Fla., about 55 miles southeast of Orlando.

3 Hubble trouble

NASA said Monday it is delaying its mission to the Hubble Space Telescope until next year because of a serious breakdown of the observatory in orbit. Space shuttle Atlantis had been scheduled to blast off in just two weeks, but astronauts have not trained for the potentially new repair issue.

4 Immigration sweep

Federal immigration authorities say more than 1,150 people have been arrested in a special three-week sweep in California. The sweep targeted those who ignored deportation orders or returned to the U.S. illegally after being deported. More than 400 of those arrested were from L.A., officials said.

5 Frozen corpses found

Renee Bowman, 43, told police that the bodies of her two adopted daughters have been in a freezer for at least seven months in her Prince Frederick, Md., home. Police discovered human remains there encased in ice but cannot be sure the remains are of the two girls, ages 9 and 11, until autopsies are performed.

The answer, my friend ...

Apparently it does take a weatherman to know which way the wind blows. The military has improved the accuracy of its airdrops of supplies and other materials by up to 70 percent, thanks to technology developed by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

Auction raises \$38.5 million

Money to be spent on renewable energy technologies

6 ALBANY, N.Y. Power companies were the biggest spenders in the nation's first cap-and-trade greenhouse gas auction, raising nearly \$40 million that will be spent by Northeast states on renewable and energy-efficient technologies.

All fossil fuel-burning power plants in a 10-state region were required to buy credits to cover the carbon they emit. The results of the auction were released Monday.

WHO'S IN?

The 10-state Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative includes Connecticut, Delaware, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Rhode Island and Vermont.

The Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative is viewed as a possible model for a national program to reduce emissions of carbon dioxide.

Energy, financial and environmental interests paid \$3.07 per allotted ton of emissions, about 65 percent more than the minimum set price of \$1.86.

The \$38.5 million raised in Thursday's auction will be distributed to Connecticut, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Vermont. The states plan to invest the funds in renewable and energy efficient technologies, as well as programs to benefit utility rate payers.

"The first RGGI auction has successfully used market forces to set a price on carbon, and this will send a clear market signal to support the investment in clean energy technologies," said Pete Grannis, commissioner of the New York state Department of Environmental Conservation and RGGI chairman.

Taking a toll

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What she says: She's innocent and blames an ex-boyfriend.



Long day in the courtroom

7 LAS VEGAS An exciting day at the O.J. Simpson trial? Doesn't look that way. Clark County District Court Judge Jackie Glass covers her face (above, left) while presiding over the trial Monday. Simpson, shown seated at the trial (above, right), and co-defendant Clarence "C.J." Stewart face 12 charges related to a 2007 confrontation with sports memorabilia dealers in a Las Vegas hotel. **GETTY IMAGES**





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Thousands line up for cash across Zimbabwe

9 HARARE, Zimbabwe Banking authorities raised the daily withdrawal limit in Zimbabwe, prompting tens of thousands to line up Monday in desperate hopes of getting enough cash for groceries before spiraling inflation eats away more value.

New rules went into affect the day President Robert Mugabe returned from the UN allowing withdrawals of up to 20,000 Zimbabwe dollars—that's \$35 American. The old 1,000 Zimbabwean-dollar limit was barely enough to buy a newspaper.

The limit and the fact that Zimbabwe has the world's highest inflation rate, officially 11 million percent, unofficially much higher, has meant long lines at banks most days.

But Monday was extraordinary. Mothers with babies strapped to their backs arrived at bank doors at dawn. Police vainly tried to stop the crowds from blocking traffic, but there appeared to be more police and uniformed soldiers in line to get cash than on duty.

As the lines disrupted traffic in Harare, the capital, Mugabe returned from a 10-day trip to the UN promising a new coalition government will be named soon. Getting the long-promised government up and running is seen as a first step to addressing the southern African nation's growing economic and humanitarian crisis.

History lesson

President Robert Mugabe, in power since independence from Britain in 1980, blames Western sanctions for Zimbabwe's economic collapse. But critics point to his 2000 order that commercial farms be seized from whites. The often-violent seizures disrupted the agriculture-based economy, and much of the land went to Mugabe loyalists instead of the poor blacks he said he wanted to help.



Heading home

8 LAHORE, Pakistan Muslims board the top of a passenger train as they head to their hometowns to celebrate Eid al-Fitr, the celebration that marks the end of the holy fasting month of Ramadan. **AP PHOTO**

1 Jewish New Year
Israelis ushered in the Jewish New Year on Monday with festive family dinners and prayers—and a warning from their outgoing prime minister that they'll have to return virtually all the land captured in 1967 to win peace with the Palestinians and Syrians.

2 Chocolate recall
China's tainted milk scandal, which has led to bans or recalls in 16 countries and raised fresh concerns about the made-in-China label, spread Monday as British candy-maker Cadbury announced a recall of its Chinese-made chocolate.

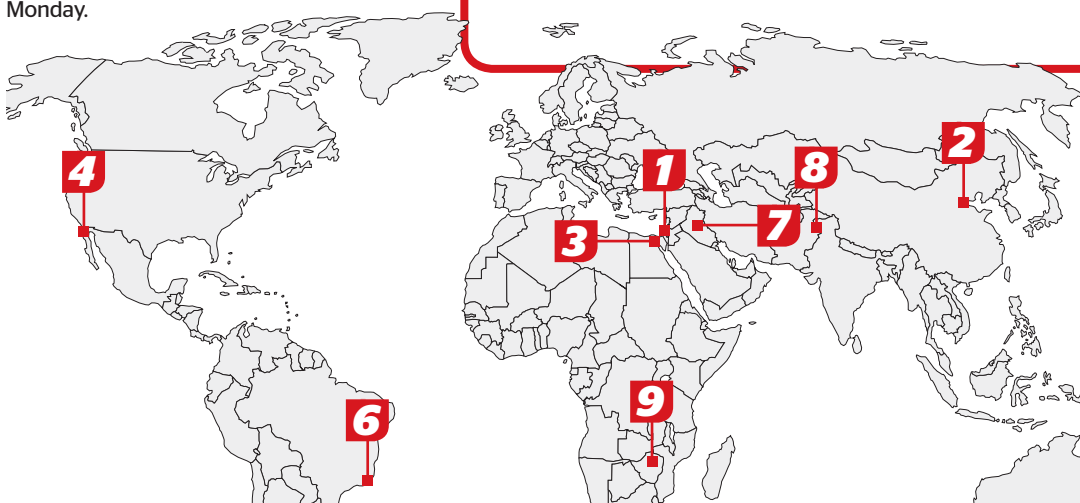
3 Tour group rescue
Egyptian and Sudanese troops rescued a tour group that was kidnapped in Egypt and taken on a 10-day dash across the Sahara to the frontier of Chad. The 19 European tourists and Egyptian guides returned to Cairo unharmed Monday.

4 Bodies found by school
The bodies of 11 men and one woman were found dumped in an empty lot next to a Tijuana, Mexico, elementary school Monday morning, an hour before children were scheduled to arrive.

5 Major quake
A 7.3-magnitude earthquake struck near New Zealand's remote and largely uninhabited Kermadec Islands early Tuesday, New Zealand's GNS Science geological agency said.

6 Rain forest woes
The Amazon is being deforested more than twice as fast as last year, Brazilian officials said Monday, acknowledging a sharp reversal after three years of declines in the deforestation rate.

7 Doctors with guns
Iraq will allow doctors to carry guns to protect themselves after hundreds have been targeted and killed since the 2003 U.S.-led invasion, the government said Monday.



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Number of cups Monday in front of the Brandenburg Gate in Berlin to illustrate how many cups of coffee the average German drinks during his lifetime.



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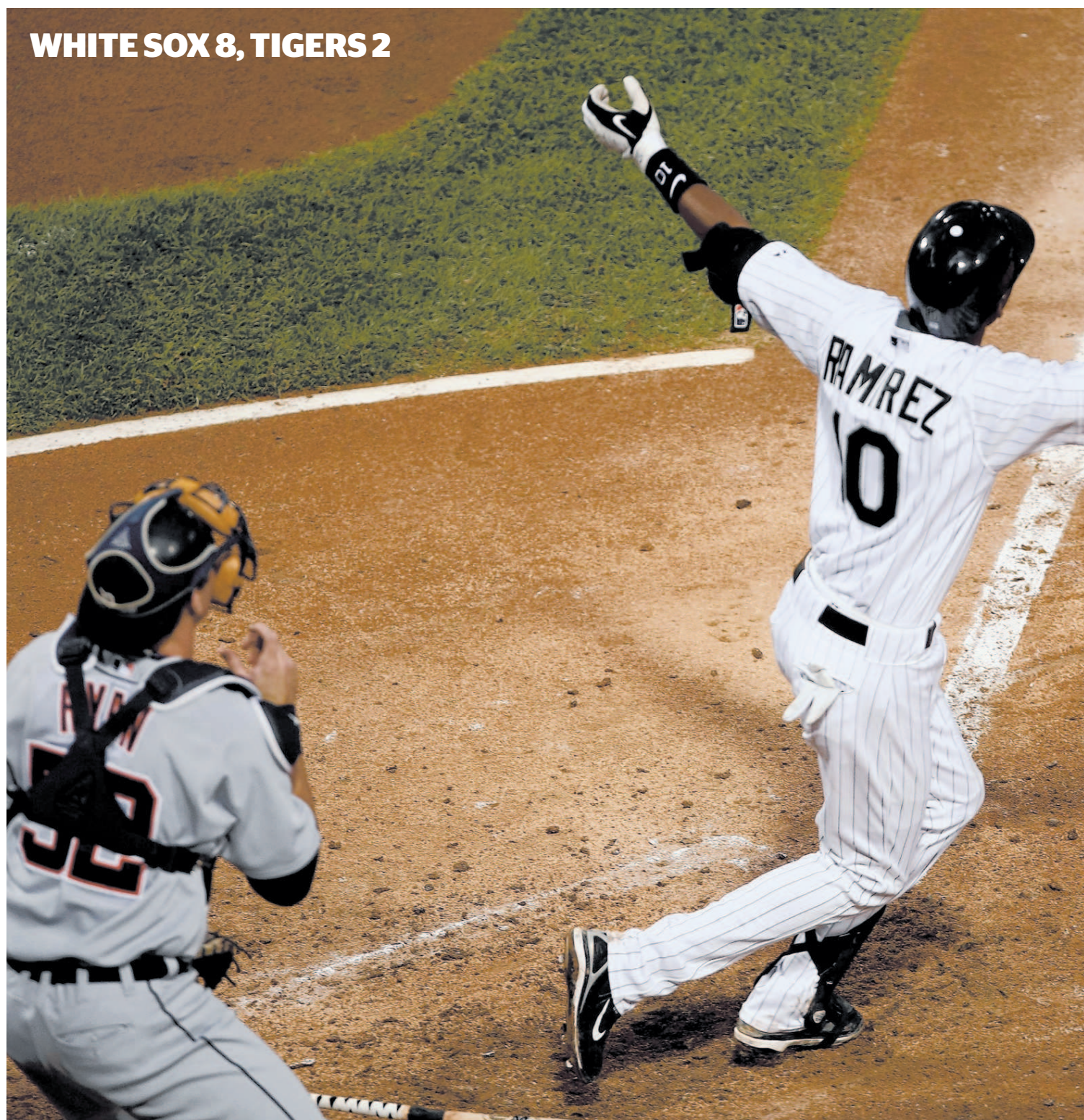
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WHITE SOX 8, TIGERS 2



Black Tuesday

The White Sox are urging fans attending Tuesday's game to wear all black in support of the team, the Sox announced in a statement. The team also will distribute 40,000 black "Sox Pride" towels as fans enter the ballpark. Gates open at 5:15 p.m.

» John Danks has plenty of motivation heading into Tuesday night's one-game tiebreaker against Minnesota to decide the AL Central title. Danks was tagged for seven runs in four-plus innings in his last start Friday against Cleveland after his normal four days' rest. And against Minnesota Danks has a 1-1 record and 7.91 ERA in four starts this season. "The ball will be in my court to get us there," Danks said. "Obviously, a game of this magnitude I don't need the motivation, but there is some there—to prove myself at this level, to prove that I'm durable, dependable, and I'm going to go at it like I don't only need to win for the team, but I have something to prove for myself."

» Instead of traveling to Tampa Bay to start the first round of the playoffs as AL Central champions, the Twins instead were forced to head to Chicago and play the White Sox on Tuesday night to once and for all determine the division title neither team has seemed to want. "We know where we're going, and we know what we've got to do," manager Ron Gardenhire said through a team spokesman. The winner of the tiebreaker game will advance to face the AL East champion Rays in a best-of-five series beginning Thursday.

» Alexei Ramirez's grand slam was Chicago's 12th of the season, setting a club mark.

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DOT COMMENTS Fans posted about the White Sox on chicagotribune.com's message boards on Monday:

"This Sox offense and defense remind me of the home run bashing Sammy Sosa teams. They can run hot and cold offensively with the home run. They can throw the ball away defensively. The big difference is the Sox have decent starting pitching and a closer." —DAVEY

"Twinkies won't be in their little dome where they can't get those cement bouncing astro turf base hits ..."
—SOUTH SIDE

"All right, who just paid off the Detroit pitching staff? 4 walks, 3 wild pitches." —AL

"Thank God as a Cubs fan I don't have to go through this =)" —PETER



SLAM DANCE

RAMIREZ'S RECORD GRAND SLAM SAVES SEASON FOR SOX FOR ONE MORE NIGHT

Chicago Tribune

Gavin Floyd was supposed to be merely a No. 5 starter for the Chicago White Sox.

Alexei Ramirez had a borderline chance of making the Sox's Opening Day roster.

And Jake Hahn was previously known as the 5-year-old son of Sox assistant general manager Rick Hahn.

In a span of six months, capped by Monday's 8-2 victory over Detroit, that threesome has given the Sox a reasonable chance to advance to the American League playoffs for the second time in four years.

Floyd won his 17th game by pitching six innings of five-hit ball with 118 pitches on three days' rest.

Ramirez made a last-ditch effort for the AL Rookie of the Year Award by smacking his fourth grand slam of the season, which snapped a 2-2 tie in the sixth.

And the younger Hahn made Tuesday's 6:30 p.m. tiebreaker game against AL Central rival Minnesota more comforting to the Sox and their fans by correctly telling his father to call "heads" in a coin flip 2 1/2 weeks ago, which gave the Sox home-field advantage over the Twins in a tiebreaker for the right to advance to the playoffs.

Tuesday's game was sold out in less than an hour after Monday's victory and presents more support for the Sox, who were swept last week at Minnesota but went 7-2 against the Twins at U.S. Cellular Field.

"You get past feeling tired and the aches and pains," reliever Scott Linebrink said. "It's the adrenaline that keeps you going. And it's great to be in this situation after 162 games. It's going to take one extra game, and we wouldn't want it any other way."

Especially after the streaky Sox won consecutive games for the first time since sweeping a doubleheader from Detroit on Sept. 15 and stopping a five-game los-

UP NEXT

vs. Minnesota

Tuesday: 6:30 p.m., TBS, WSCR (670-AM)

Winner moves onto a first-round playoff matchup against Tampa Bay. With right-hander Kevin Slowey still recovering from a line drive Juan Uribe hit off his wrist last Thursday, the Twins will send right-hander Nick Blackburn to the mound at U.S. Cellular Field against White Sox lefty John Danks.

ing streak that nearly cost them a shot at advancing this far.

"You've got to dig down," first baseman Paul Konerko said. "You've always got more than you think, so you've just got to. If anyone is worried about (fatigue), then we're not focused. They're tired too. Believe me. You just keep fighting."

The Sox overcame a masterful effort from former teammate Freddy Garcia, who limited them to two hits through five-plus innings before leaving with tightness in his right shoulder.

"The first time I stepped in the box, I started laughing," A.J. Pierzynski said. "He cursed at me in Spanish, and I started laughing just because I know Freddy so well and I know that he's back and throwing the ball great. I hope Freddy has a great career."

But Garcia's injury was a break that helped the Sox, as Ramirez capped a five-run rally with a grand slam on the first pitch from Gary Glover.

"One thing about Alexei, he's not scared," manager Ozzie Guillen said of Ramirez, who has 21 home runs and a .290 batting average. "He doesn't know what kind of game this is."

Floyd, however, was nervous from the outset, according to Pierzynski.

But he overcame his throwing error, which put the Tigers ahead 2-1 in the sixth.

Twin killing

1 The White Sox are gonna have to learn to deal with the piranhas quick, or else they'll be swimming with the fishes, right Ozzie?

Thanks, but no Danks

2 Am I the only one worried that the White Sox's postseason hopes rely partly on Mr. 11-9 John Danks?

Give it to him

3 Alexei Ramirez, here's your Rookie of the Year award. You've earned it.

Mr. Versatile

4 Cubs pitcher Ryan Dempster has gone from closer to playoff opener. It's only fitting the guy who predicted a Cubs World Series can be this season's hero or goat.

Owned

5 Possible Cubs owner Mark Cuban says he is attending the team's postseason games. Doing a little window shopping, Mr. Cuban?

Word up

6 Cubs manager Lou Piniella likes to do crossword puzzles. So, that's where he learns all those four-letter words.

United we stand?

7 Would it be too much to ask for Cubs fans to cheer for the Sox on Tuesday as the South Siders fight for the playoffs? I'll take that brick through my window as a "no."

Must be a dream

8 Is it really possible the Bears have the best quarterback in the NFC North right now? Somebody pinch me.

Not like Mike

9 "If I say I like Michael Jordan, is that a problem?" That's LeBron James talking to reporters. James wants to win a title. Fine. Go for it. You'll need five more.

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... Cubs fans can show their support for the White Sox on Tuesday.

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- » Let the Sox have the spotlight for once.
- » Limit insults to three per minute.



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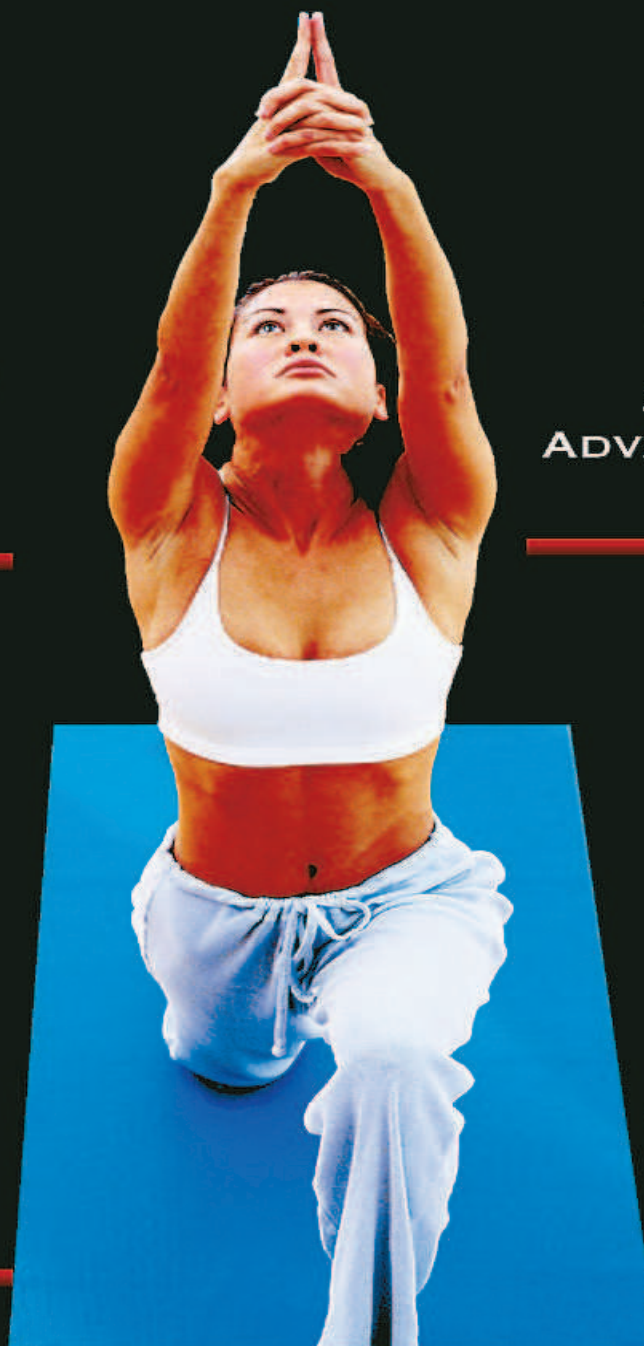
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Funny or Dye

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1 Rain delaying the White Sox's makeup game is God's way of saying He couldn't get off work.	... "I don't always affect sports outcomes, but when I do, I prefer screwing with Sox fans."	...something about floods, animals in sets of Twins and (Joakim) Noah.	... the wicked pitches are melting, and the Wizard of Oz will reign again.	... you should have freakin' beat the Twins at least once.
2 If you wanted to play hooky to catch a game, what excuse would you use?	I'd bring a note from Epstein's mother.	"But Plaxico said I could!"	Lady problems.	You fake a stomach cramp, and when you're bent over wailing, you lick your palms.	I believe the one I used was: "I'm going to the game."
3 What should be a consolation prize for fired head coaches?	A photo of Lucy pulling the football away from Charlie Brown.	Cold cuts. Subtly ironic. And tasty.	A government job as a whistle-blower.	Pant suits.	A door that doesn't hit 'em in the butt on the way out ...
4 Bruce Springsteen's the Super Bowl halftime performer. Who'd you choose?	Janet Jackson's other nipple.	Lil Wayne. Remember, it's only a wardrobe malfunction if he untucks his shirt.	The Game, naturally.	Britney Spears. I bet she'd dance for a whole quarter.	I'd poll the players and name the winner. That should make Goodell soil himself in fear.
5 A Wizards player printed rap lyrics on wrist bands. What lyrics would you suggest?	"I love my baby back baby back baby back baby back."	Given the rate of success, probably nothing by Soulja Boy.	"She had dumps like a truck, truck, truck." Works in any situation.	It's nice the Wizards woke from their nap/Maybe now the team can beat its bad rap.	Replace Eminem's "naughty rotten rhymer" with "Marty Schottenheimer."

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HOMETOWN HITS

BLUE JACKETS 7, BLACKHAWKS 1

Rick Nash had two goals and an assist to lead the Columbus Blue Jackets to a 7-1 preseason victory over the Blackhawks on Monday night. Petri Kontiola scored midway through the third period for Chicago (3-1).

» The Hawks put G Nikolai Khabibulin on waivers.



Ben Gordon was on hand for the team's media day Monday, the day before training camp opens, but said he won't practice until after Wednesday's deadline to accept a one-year qualifying offer.



QB C.J. Bacher was named the Big Ten offensive player of the week after leading the Wildcats (5-0) to a 22-17 victory against Iowa on Saturday. Bacher threw three TDs and completed 28 of 45 passes for 284 yards.



Player-turned-broadcaster Dave Corzine is the Blue Demons' director of men's basketball operations. Corzine, who spent seven of his 13 years in the NBA with the Bulls, helped DePaul to the 1978 NCAA tournament regional finals. Corzine, an Arlington Heights native, has done color analysis on DePaul games for WSCR (670-AM) for six seasons.

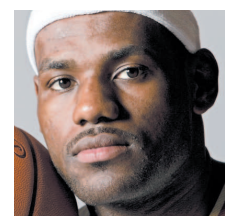
TV/radio

Mike North and Dan Jiggetts will reunite for a TV show on Comcast SportsNet beginning in 2009. The former radio partners on WSCR (670-AM) will host a live three-hour morning show airing Monday through Friday.

» CSN will make its official transition to an all-digital HD network for all locally produced CSN programming beginning Wednesday. In addition, the network will use a new "Chicago Tribune Live" studio set, a new network logo, a new graphics, sound and music package, a new Web site (targeted for Nov. 1) and a new "Fan's Best Friend" on-air marketing campaign.

AT THE BUZZER
**Monday Night Football
Player suffers spinal injury**

Pittsburgh Steelers linebacker Andre Frazier was carted off the field on a stretcher with a spine injury after being hit during Monday night's game against Baltimore. Frazier was moving his legs and at least one hand while trainers removed his facemask before he was taken off the field. Elsewhere, New York Jets safety Eric Smith was suspended for one game by the NFL on Monday for his helmet-to-helmet hit on Arizona Cardinals wide receiver Anquan Boldin.


James loves Cleveland

LeBron James (left) felt he needed to use the annual media day to address a few old topics that never seem to go away. First on the list was his future when his contract with the Cavs expires in two years. Especially after a summer when the two New York-area teams started making moves in earnest to clear cap space for that precious summer of 2010. "I've never given any indication that I was leaving or didn't like being here," James said to the large media gathering.

Injured Bears up in the air

The status of cornerback Charles Tillman (shoulder) and wide receiver Brandon Lloyd (knee) remains uncertain as the 2-2 Bears prepare to face their first NFC North opponent.

Both players were injured in Sunday night's 24-20 victory over the Philadelphia Eagles and will be evaluated before their playing status is determined for Sunday's game at Detroit (0-3).

Lloyd jammed his left knee into the ground after a second-quarter catch and couldn't return to the game. Tillman appeared to bang his right shoulder in the third quarter while attempting to tackle burly tight end Brent Celek.

"When a guy goes down, you hope he doesn't go down with a season-ending injury," coach Lovie Smith said. "And we haven't had any of those, except for Brandon [McGowan]."

If Tillman can't play, Corey Graham and Trumaine McBride are likely to see increased playing time. The Bears will need as many healthy defensive backs as possible against the Lions' explosive receiving tandem of Roy Williams and Calvin Johnson.

"You're concerned because Peanut is a huge part of our defense," safety Mike Brown said. "At the same time, you have to keep playing. ... It doesn't matter if people get hurt. They don't stop the game."

The Bears should have an easier time compensating for Lloyd, if there is a need. Devin Hester looked solid in his return from a rib injury; he caught a touchdown pass against the Eagles and was on the field for as many plays as any other wide receiver. Veteran Marty Booker also caught a TD pass against the Eagles, and Rashied Davis appeared to be over his case of the drops.

"We're still OK," Smith said. "We missed Brandon. But we were still able to win the football game."



Bears cornerback Charles Tillman was injured in Sunday night's game against the Eagles. **JIM PRISCHING/TRIBUNE**


BEARS HITS

Jamar Williams tried to bite his tongue, but the Bears linebacker couldn't disguise his latest frustration. With Hunter Hillenmeyer struggling the first three games, the coaching staff decided to give another linebacker a chance with the first team: Nick Roach, not Williams. "It's very frustrating because you want to play," Williams said Monday.

» After the coaches reviewed the tape, Kevin Payne and Brian Urlacher led the team with 10 tackles each against the Eagles. Urlacher leads the team in tackles with 33.



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Pickup artists

As the season wears on, it gets more difficult to get help, certainly anything like what Laveranues Coles did on Sunday. (Whom, would you believe, I picked up on the wires in one league last week?) Here are some picks from a scarce crop this week, and for some players it may be time to let go.

PICKUPS

Kyle Orton
QB, Bears

Only if you're not penalized for turnovers. Still, he looked pretty comfortable at times against a fierce pass rush on Sunday night.

Steve Breaston
WR, Cardinals

I especially like him (9 catches, 122 yards) because Arizona may handle Anquan Boldin's head injury gingerly.

LETDOWNS

Willis McGahee
RB, Ravens

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Thomas Jones
RB, Jets

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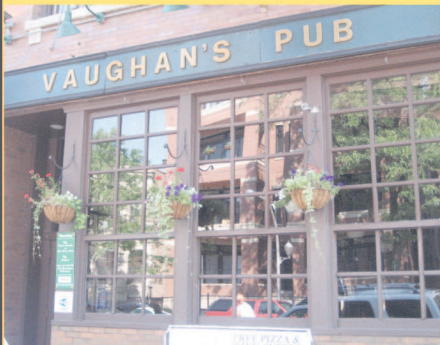
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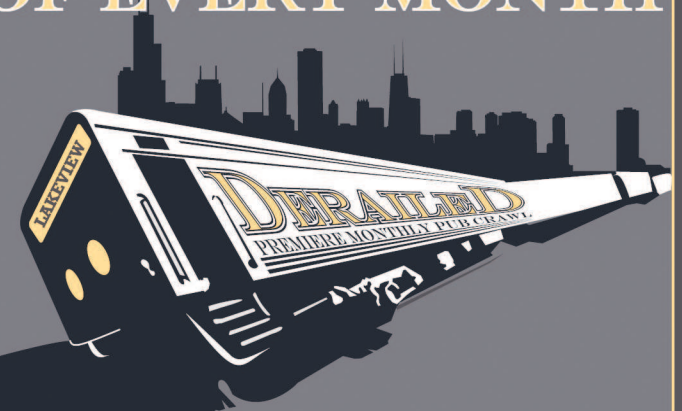
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Cheap eats

By Janine Schaults
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Grab ahold of Aberdeen's \$2 burger (\$4.50 with fries) on Thursdays. JASON LITTLE FOR METROMIX

Beefy deals

Save some cash with these burger specials

The Abbey Pub

3420 W. Grace St. 773-478-4408

The deal: \$3 burgers on Tuesdays

The details: Hit up this music venue and traditional Celtic pub to catch both up-and-coming acts and a juicy, 8-ounce burger served on a brioche bun and paired with a heaping helping of fries. Douse the fries in vinegar for a true Irish experience. Drink deals include \$3 Newcastle drafts and \$4 Stoli and lemonade cocktails.

The catch: Toppings, including cheese, are \$1 extra.

The Spread

2476 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-857-5074

The deal: \$1 burgers on Tuesdays

The details: Digging through the couch cushions (preferably those on someone else's couch) will likely yield enough loose change to buy this burger. Raiding a park fountain might help you accumulate enough coin to splurge on fries or a \$2 draft.

The catch: Fries are \$2.50 extra, cheese costs another 50 cents, and toppings (including mushrooms, fried eggs and gorgonzola butter) run \$1 each.

Rebel Bar & Grill

3462 N. Clark St. 773-975-2010

The deal: \$3 burgers on Wednesdays

The details: Tickets to a Cubs World Series will cost more than hiring Eddie Vedder to play your next birthday party, so start saving now by eating at this stylish enclave of Cubbie fandom in Wrigleyville. The burgers are made-to-order and come dressed with lettuce, tomato and pickle. Anything more fancy, such as crumbled blue cheese, will cost you extra, but your choice of fries, tater tots or a side salad is included. Score a draft on the side for \$3.

The catch: Toppings, including cheese, cost 75 cents extra.

Addiction Sports Bar & Grill

1023 W. Lake St. 312-421-8845

The deal: \$1.50 burgers on Wednesdays

The details: Shave the gams, grab the ladies and walk down the street with the "Sex and the City" theme song running through your head for \$5 martinis at Addiction. After your tabletop fills with glasses, the filling, 8-ounce burger and fries combo will come in handy.

The catch: Toppings, including cheese, cost 50 cents extra.

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The catch: Fries are \$2.50 extra.

Union Park Lounge

228 S. Racine Ave. 312-243-9002

The deal: \$2 burgers on Mondays

The details: For a select group of people, Monday night means "Gossip Girl." For those unimpressed with the dalliances of wealthy high schoolers, Monday equals football specials. Glue your eyes to one of Union Park's 22 screens while using one hand to hold this traditional, no-frills quarter-pound burger and the other to drain a Miller or Bud from \$12 buckets.

The catch: \$1 extra for fries; 50 cents for cheese.

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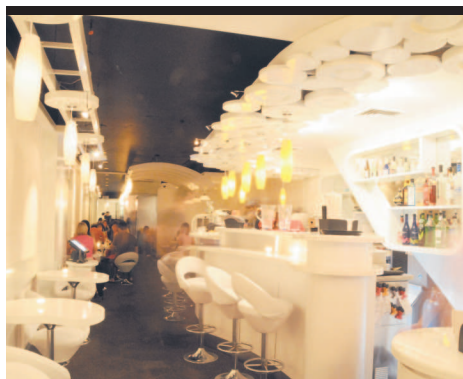
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T.I. swings between hitmaker, thug on 'Paper Trail'

The battle between hitmaker T.I. and his thugging alter ego T.I.P. has already taken its toll—he's in the middle of serving 1,000 hours of community service and will soon serve a year in prison for gun possession—but it's far from resolved on the Atlanta rapper's new album, "Paper Trail."

The Grammy winner still is bouncing between pop-leaning hip-hop anthems, including the playful No. 1 single "Whatever You Like," and spare, often violent, tales of crime and brutality, such as the bullying "Every Chance I Get." His explanation of having a split personality is quite convincing. After all, his poppier songs are generally smooth and charming—amplified by guests such as John Legend on the laid-



T.I.
"Paper Trail"



back, soulful "Slide Show" or Rihanna on the danceable, esteem-building "Live Your Life," a rare surefire smash in these uncertain economic times—and his crime-oriented songs sound relentless and nearly punishing. They also sound repetitive and brutishly dull, as if the clever parts of his brain shut down when he slips into this persona.

"Paper Trail" does succeed at banking enough strong singles, including "Swagga Like Us," with Jay-Z and Kanye West, and "Swing Ya Rag," with Swizz Beatz, to keep T.I. on the charts during his upcoming incarceration. Maybe he can use all that time to decide which side of his personality he plans to cultivate permanently. Going back and forth only hurts both sides. **GLENN GAMBOA, NEWSDAY**

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Ben Folds
"Way to Normal"

While Ben Folds has his comic, sarcastic observer antic down to an art, "Way to

Normal" sometimes wilts a bit under the weight of that jittery, borderline venomous energy, spilling into an angry place that may be honest but can be discomfiting. "You Don't Know Me" brilliantly breaks down a relationship's demise in a manner that is lyrically agonizing but musically playful. "We were the cliché, but we carried on anyway," he sings. Folds may fumble in love but musically, from the inventive sound effects on "Free Coffee" to the tap-dance percussion of "The Frown Song," he has all the right moves. **SARAH RODMAN, THE BOSTON GLOBE**



Ani DiFranco
"Red Letter Year"

On her first album in two years, Ani DiFranco reflects on becoming a mother

to a baby girl and seems more relaxed than her activist alter ego. The songs sound like vintage DiFranco, peppered with her piercing electric guitar and poetic lyrics. Known to have strong political opinions, DiFranco lashes out, just not as often. On "Alla This," she writes: "I can't support the troops cuz every last one of them is being duped." But it seems some of the room in her writing that was reserved for political and societal anger has been taken up by the happiness she has found in motherhood. **CARYN ROUSSEAU, AP**

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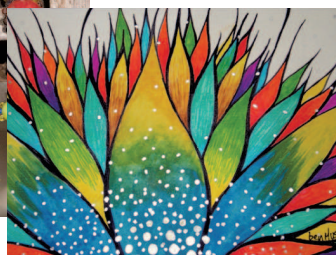
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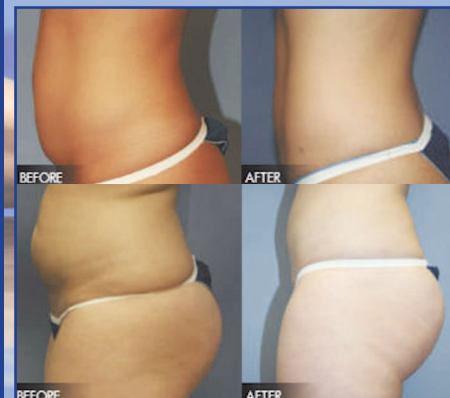
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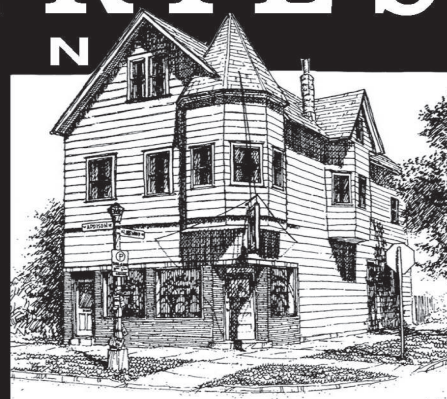
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Jennifer Hudson
"Jennifer Hudson"

With the release of this formidable, self-titled debut CD, Oscar-winning actress Jennifer Hudson's singing career is deservedly back in the spotlight. The "American Idol" alum worked with some of music's hottest names on the CD, including Ne-Yo, Fantasia, Missy Elliott, the hit-production team StarGate and T-Pain. Hudson's booming voice truly shines on tracks like "If It Isn't Love" and the Robin Thicke-assisted "Giving Myself." There are a few disappointments ("I'm His Only Woman," "Pocketbook"), but overall, the CD's highlight is Hudson's vocals.

MESFIN FEKADU, AP

Hello, again

Hudson introduces herself as a singer on debut CD

New York Times News Service

When Jennifer Hudson began working on the film "Dreamgirls" in late 2005, she pulled aside Henry Krieger, who wrote the music, and asked for his patience.

"She said, 'Henry, I want to tell you I'm a slow learner, but I will get it,'" Krieger recalled. "I saw the look in her eye, and I believed her. And she did come through, exactly in her way—slowly."

It's been nearly five years since Hudson, 27, emerged as the big-belting "American Idol" contestant from the South Side. She made it to seventh place, and when she won an Academy Award in 2007 as best supporting actress in "Dreamgirls," she became a symbol of second chances.

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No one has waited longer than me. I've been waiting since I was 7 years old.

JENNIFER HUDSON,
on how long it has taken for her debut album to be released

Hudson on camera



2004: Competing in "American Idol"



2006: As Effie White in the movie "Dreamgirls"



2008: As Louise in "Sex and the City: The Movie"

On Tuesday, she gets a chance at yet another kind of fame with her debut album, "Jennifer Hudson," something she and her fans have had to be especially patient about.

"Everybody's like, 'Oh, we've been waiting for this album forever,'" Hudson said in a Manhattan recording studio in July, where she was doing a photo shoot. "But no one has waited longer than me. I've been waiting since I was 7 years old."

Over 18 months of recording sessions, which had to fit around Hudson's crowded filmmaking schedule that included "Dreamgirls," "Sex and the City" and the Oct. 17 release "The Secret Life of Bees," dozens of songs were recorded and rejected in search of the right material. While not unheard of for a major pop album, that delay is an eternity by the make-the-record-while-the-iron-is-hot standards of "American Idol."

Just as important as her material, of course, is

Hudson's public image as a singer.

In the video for "Spotlight," the first single, she comes across as both a diva and a relatable gal next door. In it she acts out a fantasy of escaping a jealous lover's scrutiny by slipping on her heels and heading to a club where the Campari flows freely.

Hudson seems less herself strutting in her tightly squeezed top than in the video's scenes at home, chatting on the phone with a girlfriend. Like Effie White, her character from "Dreamgirls," or Louise, her role as the personal assistant to Sarah Jessica Parker in "Sex and the City," Hudson is less a glamorous princess than an everyday woman, the underdog, the striver.

Plenty of actresses have made albums before, but Hudson is different. In an era of wispy, media-trained celebutantes she has an easy populist appeal, like the quiet girl in high school who sud-



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Hudson speaks for herself

The Wall Street Journal

On her self-titled album dropping Tuesday, Chicago native Jennifer Hudson represents herself with varied styles, from gospel to romantic R&B and the hip-hop rhythms of "Pocketbook," in which she threatens to wallop an overeager suitor with her purse. Hudson recently chatted about her music career.

Whether it's covering familiar songs on "American Idol" or performing as characters in films, you've spent a lot of time channeling other people. Did that make it hard to define yourself on the album?

What was challenging was that because of the award for "Dreamgirls" and the attention from the film, it added pressure on me—not in the acting, but in the music. I've been singing music from other artists that came from a different time, and I'm always compared to them. So it's been challenging to be me and be current.

You grew up singing in church and there's some gospel on the album. Are there any risks to including a song like "Jesus Promised Me a Home Over There" on the same album as "Pocketbook"?

That's a huge part of what I am, the biggest part. I chose that song in particular because that's where I come from.

Your song from "Dreamgirls," "And I Am Telling You I'm Not Going," is included on your album. What's the hardest part about singing that song?

I don't consider that song to be the proper way of singing. The high notes are not hard. But there's a lot of what I call dirty tones—rough, edgy notes. It calls for the right execution to get it across. There's many ways you could approach the song, but it has to be portrayed that way. It's not just a song, it's Effie's story. There's a more correct way that I'd prefer to sing it. But you can't cuss someone out without the conviction behind it.

Will that be the signature song you'll be singing forever?

It looks like that will be the case whether I want to or not. I'm glad I have a song like that. And I hope to have more.

denly comes alive in the school play, making everybody proud. And her early education in the music of pop queendom seems less a step in world domination than a simple girlish enjoyment. Besides performing in a church choir in Chicago, she learned the ropes singing along to Whitney Houston songs.

"She would sing on the record," Hudson said, "and I would throw another note on it, and it sounded like a Whitney Houston-Jennifer Hudson duet."

Even with an Academy Award under her belt, Hudson has not given up her childhood dream of making it as a singer, which in her pre-"Idol" days motivated her through dues-paying jobs like performing on a Disney cruise ship.

And hallelujah, can she sing. However

unusual her path to stardom, Hudson is a bona fide vocal athlete, proving herself in "Dreamgirls" with one of the all-time great diva workouts, "And I Am Telling You I'm Not Going."

"It's like I came in through the back door," said Hudson at the recording studio. "Even I don't understand it. I have to laugh at myself, like, I won an Academy Award? I'm an actress, almost before being a singer, when that's almost all I've ever known?"

In conversation Hudson also is decidedly non-superstar. She fidgets when she talks, idly lining up the computer and mouse of a studio console, confessing her love of gadgets and loathing of heels.

"I'm just this normal person," she said. "I don't like wearing a lot of makeup or being

overdressed all the time. I want to be comfortable, wear no makeup, have my hair all over my head."

After performing on "Good Morning America" in July, Hudson expressed some frustration that wherever she goes, fans rush her and call her Effie.

"No one knows me," she said. "They know Effie. They know Louise. But you never really get to know, OK, who is Jennifer Hudson. This album and the music side help introduce Jennifer Hudson."

So what do you want this album to tell people about Jennifer Hudson?

"Nothing in particular," she answered sweetly, then quickly added, "I just want them to at least have a sense of what I'm like, who I am, where I come from, what I do, where I've been."

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Soups are a tasty way to lose weight

Cox News Service

Soups are nutrient rich, and because of their high liquid content soups are coming into focus as an important and tasty tool in weight control. They fill you up without filling you out.

Dr. Barbara Rolls, author of "The Volumetrics Eating Plan," found that eating soup as a first course helped study participants lose weight because they consumed fewer total calories in the rest of the meal. But, that doesn't mean you can gorge on New England clam chowder made with heavy cream.

The broth-based soups they consumed, even though they were lower in fat and calories than other foods choices, helped to increase feelings of satiety. Rolls' theory is that the more water a food contains the more full we feel. "If you don't like soup, start your meal with a salad, a piece of fruit or a glass of vegetable juice," Rolls says in her book.

WHAT'S IN YOUR SOUP?

» Watch the garnishes as they pile up on top. Shredded cheddar cheese, bacon crumbles, fried croutons, a dollop of sour cream or chunks of avocado in tortilla soup add an extra 50 calories per tablespoon.

» Yes, it is really hard to find lower sodium restaurant soups. But generally, if chefs make their own soups they rely on other ingredients besides salt for flavor. For your home pantry, happily, there are more good tasting canned soups that are lower in sodium too.

Soup savvy

80-120 calories per cup

Vegetable soups, minestrone, Manhattan clam chowder and gazpacho are tomato-based and therefore lower in fat than milk or cream-based soups. And since they're usually chock-full of vegetables, they add healthy fiber to the soup mix, which makes them an even healthier choice.



50-80

calories per cup
From Japanese miso soup (above) to classic French beef bouillon, broth-based soups (chicken, beef or vegetable) are among the lowest in calories.

360 calories a cup

French onion soup starts off as an onion broth, then they pile on bread and cheese; maybe just eat half of the cheesy topping.

180-200

calories per cup
Cream of broccoli or cream of asparagus soup sound like a good way to eat your vegetables, but cream of anything soup will bump the calories

up by 100 calories a cup. If a restaurant uses milk and pureed veggies to make their "cream soups," that lowers the fat and ups the veggie quotient.

260 calories a cup

Flour-thickened soups such as seafood gumbo are thickened with a mixture of flour and fat called a roux. Many cream-based soups are made this way too.

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600 N. MICHIGAN (AMC)
600 N. Michigan Ave., Chicago
(312) 255-9340
Show times change daily ♯

AMC Select - The best specialty films

- **Eagle Eye** (PG-13) 1:15,2:15,4:15,5:15,7:15,8:15,10:15,11:00
- AMC Select **Fireproof** (PG) 2:00,5:00,8:00,10:45
- **Lakeview Terr** (PG-13) 2:45,5:45,8:30,11:05
- **My Best Friend** (R) 2:30,4:50,7:30,10:00
- AMC Select **Burn After Rd.** (R) 3:00,5:30,7:50,10:30
- **Righteous Kill** (R) 1:50,4:40,7:20,10:20
- **Family Preys** (PG-13) 1:30,4:05,7:00,9:45
- **Traitor** (PG-13) 1:40 P.M.
- **Tropic Thunder** (R) 4:20,9:50

LANDMARK CENTURY CENTRE CINEMA (LANDMARK)
2828 North Clark St., Chicago
(773) 509-4949

- **The Duchess** (PG-13) 1:55,3:00,4:45,6:30,7:30,9:10,10:10
- **Battle-Seattle** (R) 2:00,4:35,7:20,10:00
- **Choke** (R) 1:40,4:20,7:40,10:20
- **Trouble Water** (NR) 1:30,4:15,7:10,9:50
- **Towelhead** (R) 1:50,4:30,7:15,10:15
- **Man on Wire** (PG-13) 4:50,10:30
- **Tell No One** (NR) 1:45,7:25

CITY NORTH 14 (KERASOTES)
2600 N. Western Ave.
(800) 326-3264 #1642

- **Eagle Eye** (PG-13) ★ 12:10,1:00,1:40,3:10,3:50,4:50,6:10,6:50,7:50,9:00,9:40,10:40
- **Lakeview Terr** (PG-13) ★ 12:20,1:10,3:30,4:00,6:30,9:10,10:00
- **Igor** (PG) ★ 12:20,3:00,5:20,7:40,9:55
- **Burn After Rd.** (R) 2:30,5:30,8:00,10:30
- **Family Preys** (PG-13) 1:30,1:50,4:10,4:30,6:40,7:30,9:20,10:10
- **Righteous Kill** (R) 2:00,4:40,7:45,10:20
- **Fly Me 3-D** (G) 12:40,2:50,5:10,7:20,9:45
- **Tropic Thunder** (R) 1:20,4:20,7:10,9:50
- **Pineapple Exp** (R) 2:15,5:00,8:10,10:45
- **The Dark Knight** (PG-13) 2:40,6:20,9:30

DAVIS THEATRE (VALUE)
4614 N. Lincoln Ave., Chicago
(773) 784-0893

- **Eagle Eye** (PG-13) ★ 5:00,7:30,10:00
- **Burn After Rd.** (R) 6:15,8:15,10:15

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DAVIS THEATRE (VALUE) (continued)

- **Righteous Kill** (R) 5:40,7:45,9:50
- **The Women** (PG-13) 4:50,7:20,9:40

FORD CITY 14 (AMC)
S. Cicero at 76th, Chicago
(773) 582-1839
Show times change daily

AMC Select - The best specialty films

- **Nights-Rodnth** (PG-13) 1:00,3:05,5:15,7:25,9:35
- **Eagle Eye** (PG-13) 1:20,3:20,4:10,6:20,7:00,9:05,9:50
- **Miracle-Anna** (R) 3:00,6:15,9:25
- **Igor** (PG) 1:10,3:10,5:40,8:00,9:55
- **Lakeview Terr** (PG-13) 1:00,2:00,3:50,4:40,6:30,7:30,9:00,10:00
- **My Best Friend** (R) 2:10,4:50,7:15,9:40
- **The Women** (PG-13) 2:30,7:40
- **Righteous Kill** (R) 2:20,5:10,7:35,9:55
- **Family Preys** (PG-13) 1:05,1:50,3:30,4:30,6:10,7:10,8:50,9:45
- **Disaster Movie** (PG-13) 1:15,3:15,5:20,7:20,9:20
- **The House Bunny** (PG-13) 5:20,10:00
- **Mirrors** (R) 1:40,4:20,7:05,9:30

GENE SISKEL FILM CENTER
164 State Street
312-846-2800

- **The 400 Blows** (NR) 6:00
- **Wittgenstein** (NR) 6:15
- **Derek** (NR) 7:45
- **Milking the** (NR) 8:00

LINCOLN VILLAGE THEATER
6341 N. McCormick at Devon Chicago
312-642-2403

Call theatre for show information

LOGAN THEATRE
2646 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago
(773) 252-0628

- **Tropic Thunder** (R) 2:10,4:15,6:20,8:30
- **Death Race** (R) 2:05,4:10,6:15,8:20
- **Get Smart** (PG-13) 2:15,4:20,6:30,8:40
- **WALL-E** (G) 2:00,4:00,6:05,8:10

MUSIC BOX
3733 N. Southport, Chicago
(773) 871-6604

- **Patti Smit** (NR) 5:00,7:20,9:40
- **Shoot-Piano** (NR) 5:30,9:45
- **Girl Cut Two** (NR) 7:30 P.M.

PIPERS ALLEY (AMC)
1608 N. Wells, Chicago
(312) 642-7500
Show times change daily

AMC Select - The best specialty films

- AMC Select **The Lucky Ones** (R) 2:00,4:30,7:15
- AMC Select **Vicky Cristina** (PG-13) 3:15,5:30,7:50
- AMC Select **Hamlet 2** (R) 5:00 P.M.
- **The House Bunny** (PG-13) 5:45 P.M.
- AMC Select **Sixty Six** (PG-13) 3:30,8:00
- **Mamma Mia!** (PG-13) 2:45,7:30

RIVER EAST 21 (AMC)
322 E. Illinois Street
847-765-7262
Show times change daily

- **Nights-Rodnth** (PG-13) 1:30,4:30,7:20,10:15
- **Eagle Eye** (PG-13) 1:00,4:00,7:00,10:00 ;
- **Eagle Eye** (PG-13) 1:45,2:30,4:45,5:30,7:45,8:30,10:45
- AMC Select **Choke** (R) 2:45,5:15,7:40,10:05
- **Towelhead** (R) 1:10,4:15,7:25,10:10
- **Miracle-Anna** (R) 2:00,3:00,5:45,6:45,9:25
- **Igor** (PG) 1:05,9:45
- **Lakeview Terr** (PG-13) 2:20,5:15,6:35,8:20,9:35
- **Ghost Town** (PG-13) 1:00,3:35,6:15,8:50
- **My Best Friend** (R) 1:10,3:40,10:20
- AMC Select **The Duchess** (PG-13) 2:25,3:25,5:25,6:25,8:25,9:25
- **The Women** (PG-13) 1:15,4:15,7:35,10:25
- AMC Select **Burn After Rd.** (R) 1:20,2:20,4:10,5:10,7:00,8:00,9:40,10:40
- **Righteous Kill** (R) 3:10,6:00,8:40
- **Family Preys** (PG-13) 2:05,5:05,8:05
- AMC Select **Vicky Cristina** (PG-13) 1:35,3:55
- **The Dark Knight** (PG-13) 3:30,6:50,10:10

CROWN VILLAGE 18 (KERASOTES)
7000 Carpenter Rd., Skokie
(800) 326-3264 #2309

- **Eagle Eye** (PG-13) ★ 12:20,2:10,3:10,5:00,6:10,7:50,9:00,10:45
- **Miracle-Anna** (R) ★ 1:10,4:40,8:15
- **Choke** (R) ★ 1:50,4:30,7:15,9:40
- **Fireproof** (PG) ★ 12:45,3:45,6:45,9:50
- **Nights-Rodnth** (PG-13) ★ 1:00,2:45,3:50,5:10,6:40,7:40,9:20,10:20
- **The Lucky Ones** (R) ★ 2:20,5:15,8:00,10:40
- **Lakeview Terr** (PG-13) ★ 12:10,2:15,3:20,4:50,6:20,7:30,9:10,10:10
- **My Best Friend** (R) ★ 2:00,4:00,7:20,10:15
- **Igor** (PG) ★ 12:15,2:50,5:20,7:45,10:00
- **Ghost Town** (PG-13) ★ 1:30,4:20,7:00,9:55
- **Burn After Rd.** (R) 2:40,5:30,8:10,10:50
- **Family Preys** (PG-13) 1:20,4:10,6:50,9:30
- **Righteous Kill** (R) 12:00,3:00,5:40,8:20,11:00
- **The Women** (PG-13) 12:50,3:50,6:30,9:15
- **Tropic Thunder** (R) 12:40,4:15,7:10,10:05

WEBSTER PLACE (KERASOTES)
1471 W. Webster Ave., Chicago
(800) 326-3264 #1641

- **Eagle Eye** (PG-13) ★ 10:30,12:30,1:30,3:30,4:30,6:40,7:30,9:30,10:30
- **Miracle-Anna** (R) ★ 11:15,2:45,6:15,9:45
- **Nights-Rodnth** (PG-13) ★ 11:50,1:00,2:30,3:45,5:00,6:30,7:20,9:00,9:50
- **My Best Friend** (R) ★ 11:30,2:00,4:50,7:45,10:15
- **Ghost Town** (PG-13) ★ 10:40,1:20,4:20,7:00,9:40
- **Burn After Rd.** (R) 10:50,11:40,1:10,2:20,4:00,5:15,6:50,7:50,9:20,10:20
- **Righteous Kill** (R) 11:00,1:40,4:10,10:00
- **The Women** (PG-13) 10:45,1:50,4:40,7:40,10:10

SHOWPLACE 14 - GALEWOOD CROSSINGS (KERASOTES)
E. Side of Central Ave., just S. of Grand Ave.
(800) 326-3264 #1646

- **Eagle Eye** (PG-13) 12:40,1:40,3:40,4:40,6:30,7:30,9:45,10:15
- **Miracle-Anna** (R) 2:30,6:05,9:40
- **Nights-Rodnth** (PG-13) 1:10,4:00,6:45,9:20
- **The Lucky Ones** (R) 1:50,4:50,7:50,10:30
- **Lakeview Terr** (PG-13) 12:50,2:00,3:30,4:45,6:20,7:20,9:00,10:10
- **My Best Friend** (R) 2:40,5:10,7:40,10:20
- **Igor** (PG) 1:00,3:50,6:40,9:10
- **Ghost Town** (PG-13) 1:30,4:20,6:50,9:30
- **Family Preys** (PG-13) 12:20,1:20,3:10,4:10,6:10,7:00,8:50,9:50
- **Righteous Kill** (R) 1:45,4:30,7:10,10:00
- **Disaster Movie** (PG-13) 12:30,3:20,6:15,9:15

CICERO SHOWPLACE 14 (KERASOTES)
4779 W. Cermak
(800) 326-3264 #1644

- **Eagle Eye** (PG-13) ★ 1:10,2:10,4:10,5:10,7:00,8:00,9:50,10:45
- **Miracle-Anna** (R) ★ 2:30,6:05,9:40
- **Choke** (R) ★ 2:40,5:00,7:30,10:15
- **Nights-Rodnth** (PG-13) ★ 1:50,4:30,7:10,10:00
- **Lakeview Terr** (PG-13) ★ 12:30,2:00,3:45,4:40,6:20,7:20,9:10,10:10
- **My Best Friend** (R) ★ 2:20,4:50,7:40,10:20
- **Igor** (PG) ★ 1:20,4:00,6:40,9:20
- **Family Preys** (PG-13) 12:45,3:30,6:10,9:00
- **Righteous Kill** (R) 12:40,3:40,6:30,9:30
- **Disaster Movie** (PG-13) 1:00,3:50,6:30,9:45
- **The House Bunny** (PG-13) 4:20,6:50,9:55
- **Mirrors** (R) 12:50,3:20,6:15,9:15

**OAK PARK
LAKE CINEMAS (CLASSIC)**
1022 Lake Street
630-444-FILM #560

- **Burn After Rd.** (R) 12:50,3:00,5:10,7:20,9:30
- **Eagle Eye** (PG-13) 11:45,2:20,4:55,7:30,10:05
- **Ghost Town** (PG-13) 12:30,2:50,5:05,7:25,9:45
- **Lakeview Terr** (PG-13) 12:20,2:45,5:10,7:35,10:00
- **Miracle-Anna** (R) 1:30,4:05,6:45,10:15
- **Nights-Rodnth** (PG-13) 12:30,2:45,5:00,7:15,9:30
- **Family-Preys** (PG-13) 12:05,2:25,4:50,7:15,9:40

**EVANSTON
CENTURY 12/CINEARTS 6 (CENTURY)**
1715 MAPLE AVE.
(847)492-0123 ♯

- **Choke** (R) ★ 12:35,3:00,5:25,7:50,10:10
- **Eagle Eye** (PG-13) ★ 11:25,12:45,2:10,4:00,4:55,7:15,7:40,10:00,10:25
- **Miracle-Anna** (R) ★ 11:30,2:55,6:20,9:50
- **Nights-Rodnth** (PG-13) ★ 11:45,2:15,4:45,7:20,9:45
- **Burn After Rd.** (R) 12:15,2:45,5:05,7:30,10:20
- **Elegy** (R) 4:30,10:15
- **Ghost Town** (PG-13) ★ 12:40,3:10,5:35,8:10,10:35
- **Igor** (PG) ★ 12:05,2:25,4:40,7:00,9:20
- **Lakeview Terr** (PG-13) ★ 12:00,2:40,5:20,8:00,10:35
- **My Best Friend** (R) ★ 11:35,2:50,6:10,9:30
- **Righteous Kill** (R) 1:30,4:05,6:45,10:15
- **The Dark Knight** (PG-13) 11:45,3:05,6:25,9:45
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Yoga, Pilates battle

Yoga and Pilates have become two of the most popular fitness trends thanks to a host of celebrities such as Madonna and Jennifer Aniston. They may appear somewhat similar, but they are vastly different. Pilates is more than just movements on a mat, and yoga is far more than stretching. Here's a comparison of yoga and Pilates: ATLANTA JOURNAL-CONSTITUTION

YOGA

Intent: Primarily designed to stimulate muscles while connecting the mind, body and spirit.

The exercise: Yoga exercises promote stimulation of muscles. It tends to work every muscle of the body, emphasizing flexibility over strength. Yoga combines poses with breathing, posture, relaxation and meditation with the intent of creating a harmonious body, mind and spirit.

Forms: Numerous forms are practiced throughout the world.

Poses/positions: Thousands.

Breathing: Deep breathing primarily in and out the nose while holding each pose and transitioning from one to another; various styles of breathing such as for relaxation, focus or meditation.

Degree of difficulty: Slight learning curve; yoga requires some level of strength in some muscles and some flexibility to perform movements.

BENEFITS

- » Increases strength and flexibility
- » Improves balance
- » Strengthens immune system
- » Improves circulation
- » Strengthens and tones muscles
- » Improves concentration and focus
- » Reduces stress and anxiety

SOURCE: YOGA ALLIANCE

THE PILATES METHOD

Focus: Designed to improve the strength of core stabilizer muscles. Pilates emphasizes toning, flexibility, balance, timing and resistance training for muscular strength.

The exercise: Pilates uses movements, five to 10 repetitions, which emphasize the dynamic flow of movement from one exercise to the next.

Forms: Mat-based and equipment-based (spring and pulley system with removable carriage).

Degree of difficulty: Can be performed by a complete novice, but some previous activity is helpful.

Movements: More than 500.

Breathing: Rib cage breathing, deep breaths through the nose and exhaling through the mouth, for deep cleansing of the lungs and meditation.

BENEFITS

- » Helps prevent injuries by correcting and improving balance
- » Improves timing and coordination
- » Hastens recovery from pre-existing injuries
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Associated Press

Most of us would be excited to see our best friend in a movie, but Linnie Bunten has mixed feelings about "Beverly Hills Chihuahua," opening Friday.

"I'm looking forward to the movie, but I'm not looking forward to the result," said Bunten, head of breed rescue for the Chihuahua Club of America.

She speaks from experience.

Whenever a Chihuahua has been featured in entertainment in the past, it's been followed by a spike in the number given up by people who didn't realize what they were getting into.

It's easy to fall in love with movie stars, especially when the stars are perfectly trained by professional handlers like the glitzy darlings in the Disney release.

Remember, the dogs are playing roles. The real-life personalities of various breeds might not be what you expect. In the case of Chihuahuas, don't think laid-back lap dog just because they're small. Read the breed standard carefully, particularly on temperament.

Consider this information before you buy a Chihuahua:

>> They are feisty, independent and driven. Don't get grabby with a Chihuahua.

>> Chihuahuas tend to become attached to one individual, meaning they're not terribly friendly to strangers and they will defend themselves vigorously.

>> They challenge other dogs regardless of size. Early socialization and training are critical to keep potential aggression in check.

>> Don't neglect their training, including housebreaking. Many Chihuahuas are given up to rescue for this reason, Bunten said.

>> Chihuahuas are excellent watchdogs but your neighbors may not appreciate the barking and your carpets might not appreciate the terrier-like love of digging.

DOGGIE HANDLING FYI

Don't carry your dog in a purse, the Chihuahua Club of America says. It increases the risk that someone will reach for the dog and get bitten.

Paris Hilton and Tinkerbell
AP FILE

Buy local

If you're up to the challenge of owning a Chihuahua, rescue is a great place to start, says Bruce Shirky, president of the Chihuahua Club of America. You'll be dealing with people who know the breed, and the personality of an adult dog is already clear. If you want a puppy, Shirky said, buy local so you can make sure it's being socialized properly from the beginning. The litter should be raised in a high-traffic area of the house and have a lot of visitors. **AP**

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Brit actor hearts fan on 'Conchords'

His character, Gavin, might be marrying the love of his life in BBC America's "Gavin & Stacey," but Mathew Horne still is trying to woo his dream girl.

"My ideal date? It would be with Kristen Schaal from 'Flight of the Conchords,'" Horne, 30, told me during a recent phone conversation from London. "... I would love to go on a date with her."

Schaal plays the Conchords' obsessive fan Mel on the HBO show—a role that apparently has bewitched the Brit Horne.

"I want to become known as much as possible in the States, because when I MySpace [Schaal], she ignores me," he said, laughing. "To her I'm just a fan. If she worked over here and she knew the status I have right now, she would be jumping at the chance. Totally."

Horne could get his wish—about becoming better known in the U.S. at least. "Gavin & Stacey," a fun romantic comedy, finishes its first season at 7:40 p.m. Tuesday. BBC America won't waste any time airing Season 2, debuting it in the same time period Oct. 7.

In the series, Horne's Gavin is a regular guy from the fairly affluent London suburb of Essex who gets to know Stacey (Joanna Page), a regular gal from Wales, over the Internet and through phone conversations. After several months they meet in person, fall in love and get engaged—despite drama caused by their best friends Nessa and Smithy (played hilariously by series creators Ruth Jones and James Corden). In Tuesday's episode, their wedding day finally arrives.

The show was a huge hit in Britain, bringing Horne recognition beyond what he'd built as a player on the sketch comedy "The Catherine Tate Show." It also gave him the chance to play a lead character, which has brought him a lot of attention from female fans.

"Yeah, yeah—and men as well. Come on, let's not be exclusive," he said. "I don't think that has anything to do with me personally ... although I do think there's something very attractive about Gavin. He's loyal and sweet and romantic but also a bit cheeky and quite masculine."

When asked what pin-up heartthrob he could be compared to, Horne brought up his crush again.

"Whatever Kristen Schaal would like, compare me to that," he said. "She'd like someone like Woody Allen—a pin-up Woody Allen."

MADE IN AMERICA

A U.S. version of "Gavin & Stacey" is being developed, so I asked Mathew Horne what American actors he thought should be cast in the roles:

- » Gavin (Mathew Horne)—Zach Braff
- » Stacey (Joanna Page)—Claire Danes
- » Smithy (James Corden)—Jonah Hill
- » Nessa (Ruth Page)—"Kirstie Alley, but like years ago. Oh, maybe not, maybe Roseanne Barr years ago."

MORE ONLINE

For more from Mathew Horne, go to redychicago.com/showpatrol.



While Mathew Horne (left) is trying to win his dream girl on the show "Gavin & Stacey," his ideal date is really Kristen Schaal (bottom right) of "Flight of the Conchords."



3 AND OUT

Fox has canceled the sitcom "Do Not Disturb" after just three airings. It starred Jerry O'Connell (above) and Niecy Nash.

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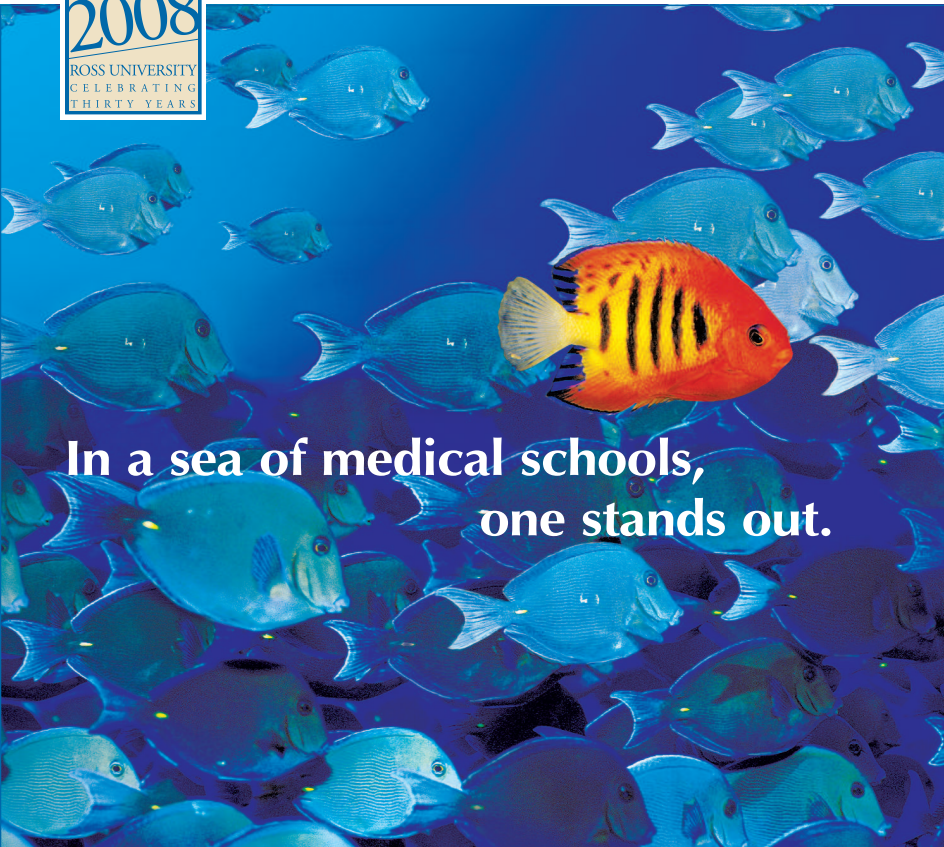
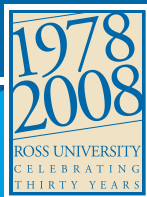


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"How I Met Your Mother" co-star Jason Segel plays a chump newly dumped by his girlfriend (Kristen Bell), a TV star vacationing with her new beau at the same Hawaiian resort as our heartbroken hero, who tries to put his troubles behind him with the help of an enticing hotel employee (Mila Kunis). The Judd Apatow movie comes in a single-disc DVD release with the theatrical version or a three-disc DVD set that has both the theatrical cut and an unrated extended edition.

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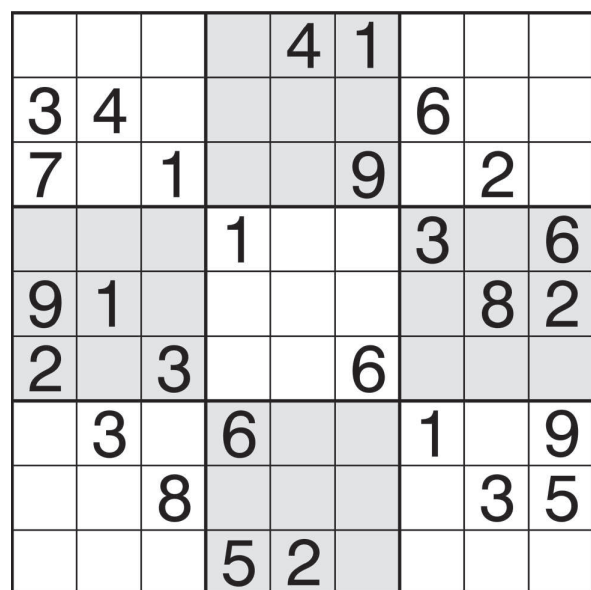
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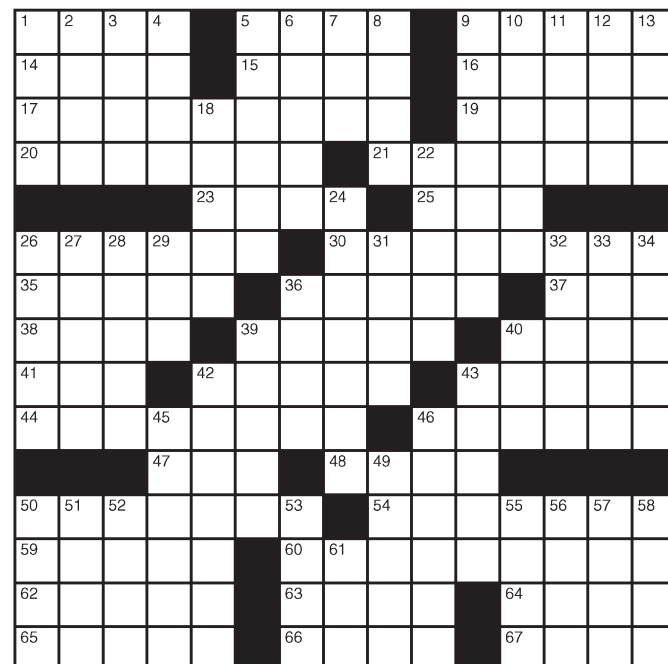
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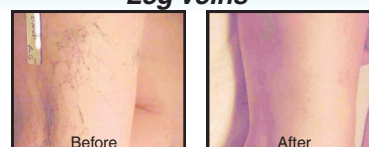
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Locklear's portrayal of the cold-hearted backstabber solidified her status as the drama queen of prime-time soaps.

1999-2002

Locklear was added to the "Spin City" cast to help smooth Michael J. Fox's exit from the show. As Caitlin Moore, a mayoral aide known for her problem-solving abilities, Locklear proved she could cater to family audiences.



LAX

2005

After "Spin City," Locklear's TV success slowed. She appeared in fewer than a dozen episodes of "LAX" before it was canceled in 2005. Her characters became more matronly. She starred as Hilary Duff's mother in "The Perfect Man," and she's slated to appear in the "Hannah Montana" movie in 2009.

April 2006

Oh, the drama. After Locklear and former husband Richie Sambora officially split in February 2006, Sambora started dating Locklear's ex-bestie, Denise Richards. Allegations swirled that Sambora cheated on Locklear with Richards, which Richards denied. Richards and Sambora broke up in 2007, and the friendship between Locklear and Richards remains broken.



LOCKLEAR & SAMBORA

June 2008

Locklear spent a month in an Arizona facility to treat depression and anxiety, People magazine reported. "She got help, and she'll continue doing what she needs to do to feel well," a pal told the mag.

September 2008

Locklear was pulled over Saturday afternoon in Montecito, Calif., after she was spotted driving erratically, authorities said. Police said they found her car blocking a lane on a state highway. Locklear was booked on suspicion of driving under the influence of prescription medication and released from custody.

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...and down goes Locklear

By Tracy Swartz REDEYE

Heather Locklear is having a year more suited for the vixens she's known for playing on TV.

In March, the actress made headlines after a mysterious 911 caller claimed Locklear would try to kill herself. Locklear's rep denied Locklear or anyone

in her house called 911 seeking medical assistance. In June, Locklear checked into a treatment center for depression. This past weekend, she was arrested on DUI charges. As her latest (off-screen) soap opera unfolds, RedEye charts the highs and lows of Locklear's image on a scale of 1-6, 6 being the highest.

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Celebrity twin

Do you look like a celebrity? Show us! Send your picture along with the name of the celeb who shares your style to tswartz@tribune.com. For Tuesday, we have Jibu Joseph. Think he's a ringer for Barack Obama? Text "jibu" and the number of your opinion to 47383. You'll get the poll results instantly.



Joseph



Obama

Drummer heads home

Travis Barker has been released from a Georgia hospital after spending nine days there following a deadly plane crash.

"Travis is in good condition and was discharged this morning," burn center spokeswoman Beth Frits told **people.com** on Monday. "He has left Augusta."

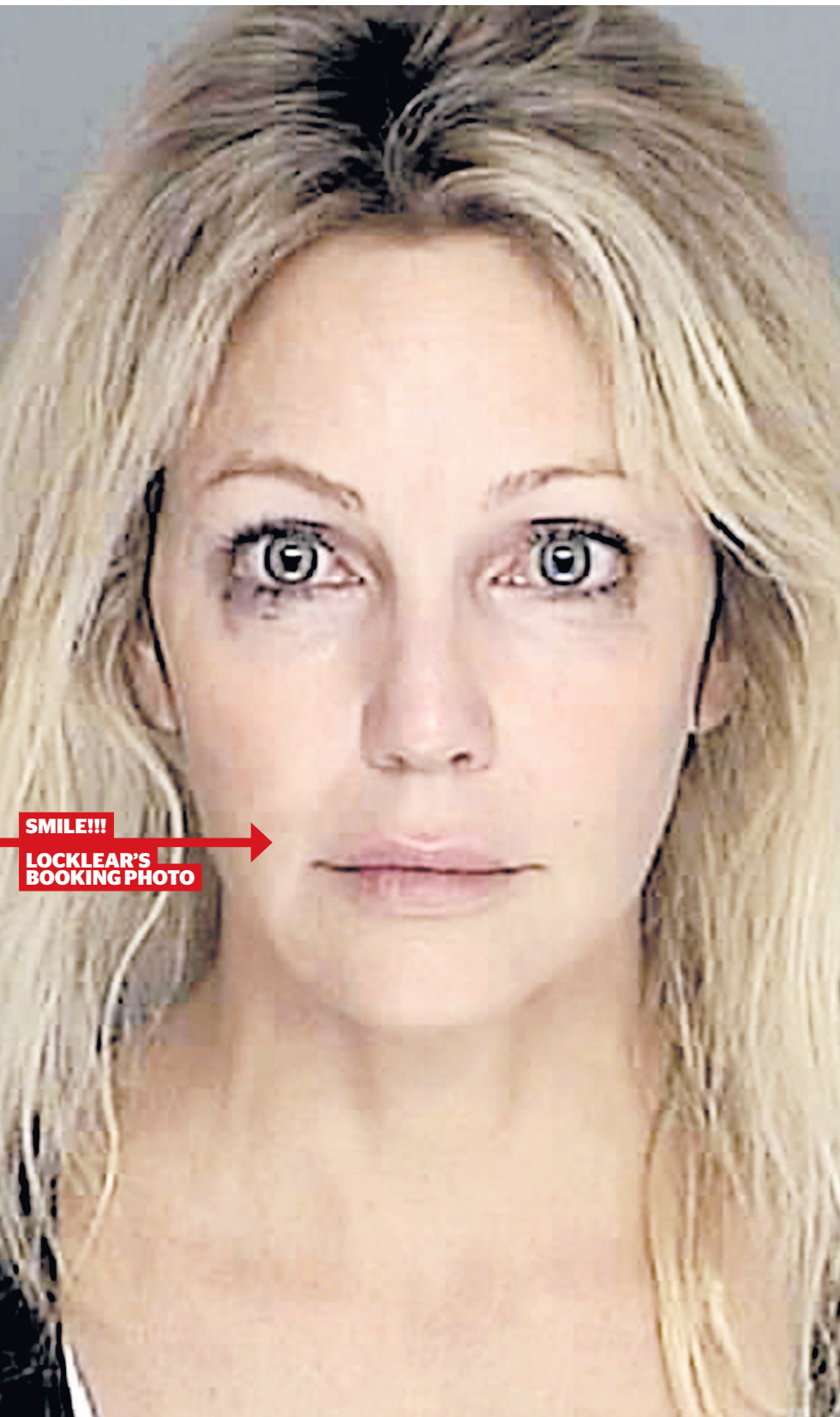
DJ AM, also a passenger on the plane, was released from the hospital on Friday.

Holding court

The pair involved in an accident that injured Shia LaBeouf are charged with giving police false information, The Associated Press reports.

Prosecutors say Kimberly Bent, 21, told police that she was driving the car that crashed into LaBeouf, but investigators suspect Herbert Simon, 22, was behind the wheel.

LaBeouf was initially arrested on suspicion of drunken driving but not charged because prosecutors said there was insufficient evidence.



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'I lost it'

Christina Applegate spoke to Oprah Winfrey about her battle with breast cancer and the decision to have both her breasts removed.

"Yep. I was just gonna let them go," Applegate said on an episode of the talk show set to air Tuesday, according to People magazine.

When asked if she cried, Applegate responded: "You know, I—at first I didn't. And then when I met with my doctor and I told him that was my decision, he brought the surgeon in and it was like the flood gates just opened up and I—I lost it."

Rum runner?

Maybe Kenny Chesney's next album will be "No Booze, No Shirt, No Problems."

Chesney is partnering with Chicago-based Constellation Spirits to develop a new premium rum, according to the AP.

"We're looking to create a fun-in-the-sun, vacation-in-a-bottle type experience that people everywhere can enjoy when they kick back and relax," Chesney said in a statement.

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Burn, baby, burn

Ah, to be young and famous.

MovieFone has released its second annual list of the 25 hottest celebs under 25.

Megan Fox, the 22-year-old stunner in "Transformers," topped the list.

"I honestly believe that Megan is here to stay," said Robert Weide, who directs Fox in this fall's "How to Lose Friends and Alienate People," according to moviefone.com.

Fox was followed by 20-year-old Michael Cera of "Superbad" fame, 18-year-old Emma Watson of "Harry Potter" and 14-year-old Dakota Fanning, the eerily mature wunderkind from "War of the Worlds." Amanda Seyfried, 23, of "Mamma Mia" rounded out the top five.

Keira Knightley and Scarlett Johansson, both 23, also made the list.

Toy story

Really we don't mean to demean Katy Perry when we say she's a real doll face.

That's because she is, in fact, available in doll form. Or at least she will be soon, according to mtv.com: Toymaker Integrity plans to release a 12-inch doll of the "I Kissed A Girl" singer decked out in a gold minidress.

The doll retails for \$49.99, but Integrity—which designed the dolls used in Perry's video for "Ur So Gay"—notes on its Web site that it has sold out of pre-orders and only offers a waiting list.

Hope her boyfriend doesn't mind it.



Fox
AP



THE VELVET ROPE

The Big B's

Spotted: Barack Obama as Blair Waldorf? Cecily von Ziegesar, creator of "Gossip Girl," wrote in a blog for Ya For Obama that of all the series' main characters, Obama most resembles Blair, the queen bee manipulator.

"They make sure we know what they want and enlist our help by convincing us that their agenda is our agenda, we're all in it together and if we're really, really lucky they'll ask us to go shopping with them at Barneys," von Ziegesar wrote. "They both have gleaming white, You Know You Want Me smiles."

JT's got game

Justin

Timberlake can sing and dance but did you know he also can golf?

JT graces this month's cover of Golf Digest and gives the inside scoop on his golf skills.

"I never really took up the game until about six or seven years ago," he said. "I remember I hit one amazing shot off the tee, straight down the middle. I got to thinking maybe I could play this game."



Just friends?

Dry your eyes, Matt Damon. Just because Sarah Silverman and Jimmy Kimmel were spotted holding hands this weekend, doesn't mean they're an item again.

"They remain close friends," a rep told Us magazine. According to the magazine, paparazzi spied Silverman and Kimmel hand in hand at a karaoke bar in Hollywood. Kimmel reportedly hid his face when he saw the photographers, but Silverman smiled. The couple broke up in July after dating for five years.

Ledger's estate settled

Heath Ledger's daughter Matilda Rose will be the beneficiary of his estate, Ledger's father told the Australian newspaper The Sunday Times, but the 2-year-old might be waiting for a while to see the money from his life insurance.

ReliaStar Life Insurance, which insured Ledger for \$10 million, is calling his death suspicious, possibly an act of suicide, and withholding payment of the insurance policy, the L.A. Times reports.

Oct. 1

The date Bow Wow will walk it out (and bus it) across the U.S. to spread the word about voting in the upcoming presidential election, according to CNN's "American Morning."

Time machine

What was Bow Wow's previous stage name? Text "**bow**" and the number of your reply to **47383**. You'll get an answer telling you if you're right.

1. THE BIG BOW
2. BOW WOW WOW
3. BOW TO ME
4. ROUGH RUFF
5. LIL' BOW WOW

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